ONE HUNDRED SIXTY-FIFTH
ANNUAL CONCLAVE

1968

Gordon C. Player

SIR KNIGHT GORDON CLIFTON PLAYER

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He was educated in the Public Schools of Ipswich, Massachusetts. On June 22, 1941, he married Polly Pappas and they are the parents of two children, a son Gordon Jr. and a daughter Polly-ann. He is a member and vestryman of the Ascension Memorial Church—Episcopal of Ipswich, Massachusetts.

OCCUPATION: Monument dealer.

Sir Knight Player was raised to the Sublime Degree of Master Mason in John T. Heard Lodge, Ipswich, Massachusetts, on October 29, 1948, and served as Worshipful Master 1956-1957.

CHAPTER MASONRY: He was exalted in Ipswich Royal Arch Chapter on June 22, 1950, and served as High Priest 1961-1962.

CRYPTIC MASONRY: He was greeted in Amesbury Council Royal and Select Masters on January 28, 1957, and served as Thrice Illustrious Master 1961-1962.

CHIVALRIC MASONRY: He was knighted in Newburyport Commandery No. 3, Knights Templar, on March 15, 1951, in Newburyport, Massachusetts, and served as its Commander 1955-1957.

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He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K. T. of the State of North Carolina near this Grand Jurisdiction. He holds honorary membership in three Commanderies and is an honorary member of the Past Commanders Association of Vermont.

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SHRINE: He became a member of Aleppo Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Boston, Massachusetts, on May 18, 1951, and is a member of the Newburyport Shrine Club.

OTHER AFFILIATIONS: He is a member of the Knights of York Cross of Honour Massachusetts Priory No. 52, Grand College of Rites, Grand Council Allied Masonic Degrees, Grand Council of Knight Masons, Order of the Bath, Philalethes Society, Life Member of Massachusetts Council of Thrice Illustrious Masters, Past Patron of Heard Chapter No. 94 O.E.S. of Ipswich, Massachusetts, and President of the Ipswich Masonic Temple Incorporated.

MILITARY SERVICE: Served with the 41st Infantry Division in the South Pacific during World War II.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, Inc.

AND

THE APPENDANT ORDERS

OF

MASSACHUSETTS and RHODE ISLAND

for the YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 17, 1968

GORDON C. PLAYER, *Grand Commander*

G. BURTON LONG, *Grand Recorder*

Boston, Massachusetts

1968

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REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GRAND COMMANDERY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC. OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

AT THE

SPECIAL CONCLAVE

NEWBURYPORT, MASS., APRIL 6, 1968

A Special Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island reconvened on Saturday, April 6, 1968, at 10:15 A.M., at the Masonic Temple, 31 Green Street, Newburyport, Massachusetts. Sir Knight Gordon C. Player, R.E. Grand Commander, presided. Divine Blessing was invoked by the Grand Prelate, Sir Knight W. Irving Monroe, Jr.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

The Credential Committee reported that there were 79 Sir Knights present representing 30 Commanderies.

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICERS PRESENT

GRAND COMMANDER.....R. E. Sir Gordon C. Player
DEPUTY GRAND COMMANDER.....V. E. Sir Norman L. Staveley
GRAND GENERALISSIMO.....E. Sir Jack R. Baker
GRAND CAPTAIN GENERAL.....E. Sir Elmer H. Palmer
GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.....E. Sir James C. Sirios
GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN.....E. Sir Thorsten B. Lind
GRAND TREASURER.....R. E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.
GRAND RECORDER.....R. E. Sir G. Burton Long
GRAND STANDARD BEARER.....E. Sir L. Raymond Wyatt
GRAND SWORD BEARER.....E. Sir Charles L. Flygare
GRAND WARDER.....E. Sir James P. McCormack
GRAND PRELATE.....Rev. and E. Sir W. Irving Monroe, Jr.
GRAND CAPTAIN OF THE GUARD.....E. Sir Robert M. MacKenzie
GRAND SENTINEL.....E. Sir George W. Sanford, Jr.
INSPECTOR INSTRUCTOR.....E. Sir Harold P. Trefethen

The Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Gordon C. Player announced that the Special Conclave was called in order to ballot upon the Proposed Amendment to the Grand Commandery Constitution:

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE GRAND COMMANDERY CONSTITUTION

The following Amendment was submitted by R. E. Sir G. Burton Long at the 164th Annual Conclave of this Grand Commandery:

To amend Article XVIII, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Order of Massachusetts and Rhode Island by striking out the word "tenth" in the second and twelfth lines of said section and substituting the word "first" and by striking out the words "one dollar four and one half cents" and substituting the words "two dollars." Said section will then read:

ARTICLE XVIII, Section 2

Every Constituent Commandery shall make annually to the Grand Recorder on or before the first of August, a return of the Roll of Officers and members and of all candidates for the Orders accepted or rejected up to and including June 30 next preceding and pay to this Grand Commandery seven dollars for every Knight receiving the Order of the Temple and two dollars plus the amount of Per Capita dues assessed by Grand Encampment for every member returned and from the sum thus collected shall be paid the Per Capita for every member levied by the Grand Encampment. A Commandery failing to make said annual return on or before the first day of August shall pay a penalty of twenty-five dollars.

The motion was seconded by Sir Knight Clifton J. Toothaker, Jr., Eminent Commander of Newburyport Commandery No. 3 K.T.

Discussion on the above Amendment was led-off by Sir Knight Theodore H. VonKamacke, Jr., of Beauseant Commandery No. 41 K.T. who stated that the proposed amendment was of such importance that he moved it be tabled until the Annual Conclave. Upon the request of Sir Knight James C. Bayley, Past Commander of Boston Commandery No. 2 K.T., a substitution from "tabled" to "postponed" was made thereby permitting further discussion. Sir Knight Robert G. Wilson, Jr., Grand Treasurer and Past Commander of Boston Commandery No. 2 K.T., spoke authoritatively on the need for the amendment to be passed now as conditions would not change to a more favorable position in the immediate future. His statements were attested by the financial records for the past three years.

After some further discussion, the action for postponement came to a ballot and was soundly defeated. 79 Sir Knights were present. A ballot on the original amendment was taken and 71 voted YES, and 5 NO and 3 did not vote.

The Grand Recorder made the Reports of the Committee on Christmas Offering and Good Cheer and the Knights Templar Educational Foundation which were as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTMAS OFFERING AND GOOD CHEER

Boston, Mass., April 6, 1968

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

SIR KNIGHTS:

Your Committee reports its activities for 1967-1968 as follows:

Under the date of November 1, 1967, Official Order No. 1 was sent out by Gordon C. Player, Right Eminent Grand Commander, containing the usual appeal for the Christmas Collection of Funds for the needy with the admonition: "this Official Order is to be read at the Head of the Lines at the Conclave immediately following its receipt; and the results reported not later than January 15, 1968, on forms furnished by the Grand Commandery Office and mailed early in January."

We all must realize that the Grand Commandery is now Incorporated as a Charitable Fraternal Organization and we must be able to report how much we spent for charity. Forty-seven Commanderies reported a total contribution amounting to $9,656.50. No report was received from Narragansett No. 27 K.T., Athol No. 37 and Ivanhoe No. 46 K.T.

Templary is a Christian Organization and if each Sir Knight had contributed $1.00 each we would have had more than $14,000.00. The total sum collected since the incorporation of the Fund in 1931 amounts to $252,760.36.

Templary is based on the Teaching of Christ, we should strive to show that Knights Templar can truly love others in humble deeds as well as devout contemplations in our Asylum.

Courteously submitted,

R.E. SIR G. BURTON LONG, *Chairman*

E. Sir William J. Milyaro
E. Sir John A. Swahn
E. Sir Robert M. MacKenzie
E. Sir Robert A. Meffin
E. Sir Leland B. Cole
E. Sir Albert G. Gillespie

REPORT OF THE EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

Boston, Mass., April 6, 1968

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery K.T., Inc., of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

Sir Knights:

It is a pleasure to report to you that our Knights Templar Educational Foundation has made an impressive gain in both the number of loans made and the amount of money loaned. The total sum loaned was $46,542.00 of which $32,862.00 was to 75 male students and $13,680.00 to 24 female students.

As you undoubtedly know, the Grand Encampment issued a revised Regulations and Standard Practices for the operation of the Foundation. Most of these are administrative but two changes of particular note are brought to your attention:

(1) More liberal sums are now available to worthy students.

(2) All loans are to be completely amortized over a four year period.

Upon receiving these changes, your Committee has developed a new pamphlet which incorporates all changes and adopts new regulations. This pamphlet was delivered to us by the printer late yesterday afternoon and is available to you today in limited quantities.

The Grand Encampment regulations require the appointment of a Chairman of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation in each Constituent Commandery who

will be fully qualified to discuss the regulations with students requesting information relative to loans.

The Annual Returns of the Constituent Commanderies for the current year, which you will receive shortly, has a place in it designating the name and address of this Sir Knight. I bring this to your attention now, that you may have ample time to make such an appointment.

An abbreviated financial statement follows. A detailed report is on the desk available for examination to any Sir Knight who may be interested.

ROBERT P. BEACH
Certified Public Accountant
678 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139
KIrkland 7-4380

February 29, 1968

The Educational Foundation Committee
Division of The Grand Commandery of
Knights Templar and Appendant
Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with instructions, I have made an examination of the accounting and financial records of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, for the year ended December 31, 1967, and in connection therewith submit the following appended exhibits:

Exhibit A—Balance Sheet as at December 31, 1967
Exhibit B—Statement of Income and Expense for the Year Ended December 31, 1967
Exhibit C—Statement of Principal for the Year Ended December 31, 1967
Exhibit D—Summary of Student Loans for the Year Ended December 31, 1967

Extensive tests of cash receipts as shown by the books were made by comparison with bank deposits, and the balance on deposit with the National Shawmut Bank was reconciled with the Bank statement as at December 31, 1967. The various savings bank books were examined and the balances at December 31, 1967 verified by direct confirmation with the banks. It was determined that all interest receivable within the year on these accounts was received.

Disbursements in payments of expenses and for student loans made during the year were compared with cancelled checks and with approved vouchers and warrants.

Student loans were analyzed as of December 31, 1967. No accounts were charged off during the year under Grand Encampment authorization.

A detailed summary of student loan activity for the past year is set forth in Exhibit D.

The liability for Federal and state taxes withheld and for social security taxes at December 31, 1967 has been reflected in the accompanying balance sheet. Accounting expense and the payment due the Committee on the Educational Foundation of the Grand Encampment have been accrued as at the end of the year.

In my opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and related statements of income and expense, principal and student loans present fairly the financial position of the Knights Templar Educational Foundation, Division of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, at December 31, 1967 and the results of its transactions for the year then ended.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT P. BEACH,
Certified Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT A

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1967

ASSETS

Cash in Bank and on Hand		$ 8,529.08
Cash in Massachusetts Savings Banks:		
Charlestown Savings Bank	$ 20,000.00	
Home Savings Bank	50,000.00	
South Boston Savings Bank	13,000.00	83,000.00
Notes Receivable:		
Student Loans—Current	151,658.58	
Doubtful	12,810.68	164,469.26
Inventory—Stationery and Supplies		182.81
		$256,181.15

LIABILITIES AND PRINCIPAL

Accrued and Withheld Taxes:		
Taxes withheld—Federal	$ 173.05	
Taxes withheld—State	7.28	
F.I.C.A. Taxes	130.81	311.14
Accrued Expenses		450.00
Due Committee on The Educational Foundation of The Grand Encampment		524.53
Reserve for Unpaid Interest		889.65
Principal Account (Exhibit C)		254,005.83
		$256,181.15

EXHIBIT B

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1967

Income		
Interest Received on Student Loans	$5,938.95	
Interest on Savings Account	4,151.50	
Miscellaneous	.89	
Total Income		$10,091.34
Expenses		
Salaries	5,260.00	
Rent	1,000.00	
Accounting	450.00	
Telephone and Office Supplies	371.55	
Part Time Office Help	255.50	
Payroll Taxes	239.31	
Fidelity Bond Premium	190.34	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	50.65	
Retail Credit Reports	50.00	
Trustees' Expenses	40.60	
Postage	12.60	
Other	58.92	
Total Expense		7,979.47
		2,111.87
Grand Encampment Expense		524.53
Excess of Income for the Year Ended December 31, 1967 (Exhibit C)		$ 1,587.34

EXHIBIT C

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
STATEMENT OF PRINCIPAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1967

Balance January 1, 1967	$252,456.65
Add	
Excess of Income for the Year Ended December 31, 1967 (Exhibit B)	1,587.34
	254,043.99
Deduct	
Adjustments of Student Loan Account—Net	38.16
Balance December 31, 1967	$254,005.83

EXHIBIT D

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
SUMMARY OF STUDENT LOANS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1967

Balance, January 1, 1967		$157,880.89
Add		
Loans Made During the Year	$ 46,542.00	
Interest Charges for 1967	6,227.77	52,769.77
		210,650.66
Deduct		
Cash Received	46,143.24	
Net Adjustments	38.16	46,181.40
Balance December 31, 1967		$164,469.26
Consisting of:		
Balance of Loans—Principal	$163,579.61	
Unpaid Interest	889.65	$164,469.26

It was moved and seconded that the above reports be accepted and printed in the Annual Proceedings of this Grand Commandery (voted unanimously).

The following Resolution was submitted by Sir Knight Norman L. Staveley, Deputy Grand Commander:

RESOLUTION

Be it Resolved that the Grand Commander be and he hereby is empowered and directed to appoint a Committee to review the Grand Constitution and Regulations and report to the next Annual Conclave its recommendations as to the adoption of any amendments thereto required to make the same consistent with the Laws of the Grand Encampment.

After the Benediction, by the Grand Prelate, Rev. and Sir Knight W. Irving Monroe, Jr., the Special Conclave of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

Courteously submitted,

G. BURTON LONG
Grand Recorder

REPORT OF THE PROCEEDINGS
of the
GRAND COMMANDERY, KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC. OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND
at the
165th ANNUAL CONCLAVE
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, SEPTEMBER 17, 1968

The 165th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars, Inc., and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island convened in the New England Room of the Colonial Hilton Inn, Lynnfield, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, September 17, 1968, at 9:15 A.M. R.E. Sir Gordon C. Player, Grand Commander, presiding. The Annual Conclave was opened in Full Form with prayer by the Reverend and E. Sir W. Irving Monroe, Jr., Grand Prelate.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

The Credential Committee reported that there were 98 Sir Knights present representing 37 Commanderies.

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GRAND SENTINEL.....E. Sir George H. Sanford, Jr.

PAST GRAND COMMANDERS PRESENT

R. E. SIR HAROLD W. SPRAGUE
R. E. SIR HAROLD S. CROCKER
R. E. SIR ROBERT G. WILSON, JR.
R. E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE
R. E. SIR MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER
R. E. SIR THOMAS A. BOOTH
R. E. SIR DWIGHT C. PAGE
R. E. SIR ALFRED C. BLAKE
R. E. SIR RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS
R. E. SIR LOUIS A. BEAUDOIN
R. E. SIR RUSSELL R. LONG
R. E. SIR G. BURTON LONG
R. E. SIR GEORGE C. PATTON, JR.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, this is the time for us to receive our Distinguished Guests and if the Officers, who have been chosen to present our Distinguished Guests will retire at this time I will immediately send out to receive them.

E. Grand Captain of the Guard, you will form an Escort and retire to escort our Distinguished Guests. Will the following form with our E. Grand Captain of the Guard:

R.E. Sir Louis A. Beaudoin, E. Sir Chester E. Oldmixon, E. Sir Harold A. Budreau, R. E. Sir Raymond D. Douglass, R.E. Sir Alfred C. Blake, R.E. Sir Russell R. Long, R.E. Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder, R.E. Sir Harold S. Crocker, R.E. Sir Harold W. Sprague, E. Sir C. Leigh Kingsford, R.E. Sir Dwight C. Page, R.E. Sir Kenneth Earle, E. Sir Elmer H. Palmer, R.E. Sir George C. Patton, Jr., and E. Sir Robert P. Beach.

(The Escort and Committee returned escorting the Distinguished Guests.)

Sir Kt. Wesley Daniels, Rt. Em. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of New York; Rt. Em. Sir Warren H. Deck, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of New York. Introduced by R.E. Sir Louis A. Beaudoin.

Sir Kt. Willand S. Horn, Rt. Em. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Vermont; Sir Kt. Arnold H. Anderson, Grand Warder of the Grand Commandery of Vermont. Introduced by Em. Sir Chester E. Oldmixon.

Sir Kt. Ralph L. Kalp, Rt. Em. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Connecticut; R.E. Sir Edwin W. Raymond, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Connecticut. Introduced by Em. Sir Harold A. Budreau.

Sir Kt. Willard A. Vincent, R.E. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Maine. Introduced by R.E. Sir Raymond D. Douglass.

Sir Kt. Carleton W. Carpenter, Rt. Em. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of New Hampshire; R.E. Sir Leonard W. Lewis and R.E. Sir Lloyd Jones, Past Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery K.T. of New Hampshire. Introduced by R.E. Sir Alfred C. Blake.

Sir Kt. R. Palmer Hollister, Rt. Em. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of New Jersey; Sir Kt. W. Percy Edwards, Grand Senior Warden; Sir Kt. Kenneth F. Reed, Grand Captain of the Guard; R.E. Sir Gordon J. Brenner, Past Grand Commander and Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery K.T. of New Jersey. Introduced by R.E. Sir Russell R. Long.

Sir Kt. Alton G. Billmeier, Rt. Em. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Maryland; R.E. Sir Frank E. Smith, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Maryland. Introduced by R.E. Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder.

Sir Kt. George C. Moreland, Rt. Em. Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the District of Columbia; R.E. Sir J. Rowe Mehlfelt, Past Grand Commander, and Sir Knight Robert T. Simmons, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Commandery K.T. of the District of Columbia. Introduced by R.E. Sir Harold C. Crocker.

Sir Kt. Ill. Herbert H. Jaynes, 33°, personal Representative of Most Ill. Laurence E. Eaton, 33° Deputy for Massachusetts Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Jurisdiction. Introduced by R.E. Sir Harold W. Sprague.

Sir Kt. and Ill. Herbert B. Bliss, Deputy Grand Master and the personal Representative of Most Ill. Ernest T. Otto, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters in Massachusetts, and Most Ill. Waldemar R. Israel, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters in Rhode Island. Introduced by Em. Sir C. Leigh Kingsford.

Most Ex. Charles A. Cross, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter in Massachusetts, and Most Ex. Al-

fred C. Bateman, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island. Introduced by R. E. Sir Dwight C. Page.

Sir Kt. Albert P. Ruerat, Grand Master of the International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay. Introduced by Em. Sir Elmer H. Palmer.

Sir Kt. Roy A. Riegle, Grand Generalissio, personal representative of Sir Kt. John L. Crofts, Sr., Most Eminent Grand Master of the Grand Encampment K.T. of U.S.A., and our Inspecting Officer; R.E. Sir Paul C. Rodenhauser, Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment K.T., U.S.A.; R.E. Sir Frank L. Bourke, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Maine and Department Commander of the North Atlantic Department of the Grand Encampment K.T., U.S.A. Introduced by R.E. Sir George C. Patton, Jr.

Most Wor. Thomas A. Booth, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts; Rt. Wor. George Dewhurst, Grand Marshal of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts, and Most Wor. Kenneth G. Pearson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Rhode Island and Providence Plantations. Introduced by Em. Sir Robert P. Beach.

(The Grand Commander escorted the Grand Masters through the lines to the East.)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, be seated.

M.W. Grand Master, would you like to assume the head of this Grand Commandery at the moment.

M.W. THOMAS A. BOOTH: R.E. Grand Commander, perhaps it might be a little feeling of exhilaration to step in as the head of this Grand Commandery for a moment.

Sir Knight Grand Captain of the Guard, dismiss the escort.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knight Holgate, before you dismiss the escort I would like to thank the boys for being here this morning and I would like to thank you very much for being the Captain of the Guard.

At this time we will have the Roll Call of the Grand Representatives. Grand Recorder you will call the roll.

ALABAMA	Em. Sir William Turner
ARIZONA	Em. Sir James McCormack
ARKANSAS	Em. Sir Robert M. MacKenzie
CALIFORNIA	Em. Sir Saunders W. Spooner
COLORADO	Em. Sir Robert E. Powell
CONNECTICUT	Em. Sir Harold A. Budreau
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	R. E. Sir Harold C. Crocker
FLORIDA	R. E. Sir Dwight C. Page
GEORGIA	R. E. Sir G. Burton Long
ILLINOIS	Em. Sir Norman P. Smith
KENTUCKY	Em. Sir Frank G. Holt, Jr.
LOUISIANA	R. E. Sir Russell R. Long
MAINE	R. E. Sir Raymond D. Douglass
MARYLAND	R. E. Sir Mortimer W. Schroeder
MICHIGAN	Em. Sir William F. Clark
MINNESOTA	R. E. Sir Thomas A. Booth
MISSOURI	Em. Sir Clifton J. Toothaker
MONTANA	R. E. Sir George C. Patton, Jr.
NEBRASKA	Em. Sir C. Leigh Kingsford
NEVADA	Em. Sir Alan Campbell, Jr.
NEW HAMPSHIRE	R. E. Sir Alfred C. Blake
NEW MEXICO	Em. Sir Charles D. Harrington
NEW YORK	R. E. Sir Louis A. Beaudoin
NORTH CAROLINA	R. E. Sir Gordon C. Player
NORTH DAKOTA	Em. Sir Albert E. C. Carpenter
OHIO	Em. Sir James C. Sirois
OREGON	Em. Sir William A. Weiss
PENNSYLVANIA	Em. Sir Thomas C. Brown
PHILIPPINES	Em. Sir George B. Rowell
SOUTH CAROLINA	Em. Sir T. Legare Fenn
SOUTH DAKOTA	Em. Sir Clayton F. Fisher
TENNESSEE	Em. Sir Chester G. Parsons
TEXAS	V. E. Sir Norman L. Staveley
VERMONT	Em. Sir Chester E. Oldmixon
VIRGINIA	Em. Sir Frank W. Balcomb
WASHINGTON	R. E. Sir Harold W. Sprague
WISCONSIN	Em. Sir Robert P. Beach
WYOMING	R. E. Sir Kenneth H. Earle

THE GRAND COMMANDER: R.E. Sirs, E. Sirs and Sir Knights, I want to thank you for being present. I want to thank you for the work that you have done or should be doing and I hope that you will write to your respective Grand Jurisdictions of which you are representatives and tell them anything good or bad that takes place here today. Thank you very much.

Sir Knights, at this time it is my pleasure to present one who is probably the foremost Knight Templar in Grand Encampment because I think the Grand Recorder of any Jurisdiction or the Grand Encampment is the workhorse and knows most of what is going on. We have one Sir Knight

with us who has to get a plane back to Chicago because he has to work.

So at this time it is my pleasure to present to you Sir Knight Paul C. Rodenhauser, the Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America.

R.E. SIR PAUL C. RODENHAUSER: R.E. Grand Commander, M.W. Grand Masters, R.E. Grand Generalissimo and R.E. Department Commander and all distinguished Sir Knights. I don't know whether I can tell you anything productive but first of all I want to thank the R.E. Grand Commander and all of you Sir Knights for the hospitality and for the opportunity to make my first visit to an Annual Conclave of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

I would also like to compliment you and to thank you for the caliber of your Grand Recorder and all the Recorders in this Jurisdiction who have helped so well to get this every member project off to a good start in this area. It is a tremendous amount of work I know for each Recorder and the benefits are still hidden. We have to get the names first and get the project started before we realize the benefits but I can assure you that there will be a large amount of benefits for each constituent Commandery, each Grand Commandery, and a benefit for all Templary. That is the purpose for the project.

We have never had a compilation of our membership in the central office of the Grand Encampment and you can realize what a serious handicap that is. We could never tell on any given date what your membership was. Some Jurisdictions were lagging a year or a year and a half and it was an estimate rather than a report.

The second benefit, not always accepted as a benefit in advance, is the fact that every member will receive the Knight Templar Magazine starting next July. I don't know whether you realize there is an extra benefit in that too because each Grand Jurisdiction will have two pages of insert material in it. In other words, every member, every Sir Knight living in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, will receive the magazine with a special two page insert on your

own jurisdictional information or happenings. You have two pages in there for your own exclusive jurisdictional use. That goes to everyone living in Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

That insert, by the way, costs nothing in addition. So you get an every member mailing in your Jurisdiction at no additional cost, no postage.

You do need an editor to prepare it and forward to Chicago. There we will use a verityper and put everything in proper order for the magazine. We won't change your copy, there will be no editing, and that will be reproduced by offset printing. The same thing happens to each of the other forty-seven Grand Jurisdictions. So there will be 48 separate inserts being prepared around the country and forwarded to Chicago for setting up and then to the printer for reproduction.

Through the use of the every member compilation we will also be able out of Chicago to make selective mailings for you. If your distinguished Grand Recorder wants a separate mailing and has the labels we can provide on short notice at cost. We can furnish not only a complete listing but sets of labels for every member of this Jurisdiction. There are more selective mailings down the line through the Constituent Commanderies and also perhaps by professions. There are many things we can do not merely as a brand new project with the purpose of a project but to provide greater service and reorganization and revitalization by the use of centralized information and an updating of the whole Order of Templary.

Those are some of the things pending. We are working hard on the magazine and the every member compilation and the other details that come into the Chicago office. Your Grand Recorder had the opportunity to visit the office a few weeks ago and we will welcome a visit from any of you who are in Chicago at any time.

We are trying to revitalize not as a personal idea but as a mandate from the Grand Encampment last year. We have an assignment wherein with your cooperation, which

we certainly have been receiving, the project will be carried out successfully with greater benefits to all of us.

R.E. Grand Commander, I want to thank you for the opportunity to be here and thank you for your hospitality and the hope that you too can get out to Chicago.

(S.K. Rodenhauser escorted from Asylum.)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, during the past year we have lost three of our R.E. Past Grand Commanders.

Frank Harrison Wilson, R.E. Grand Commander, October 1945 to 1946. Born September 19, 1888, Medford, Massachusetts. Died January 27, 1968, in Melrose, Massachusetts.

James A. Gunn, R.E. Grand Commander, October 1926 to 1927. Born June 7, 1883, Montague, Massachusetts. Died November 1, 1967, Turners Falls, Massachusetts.

Harry Gilmore Pollard, R.E. Grand Commander, October 28, 1920 to October 27, 1921. M.E. Grand Master July 19, 1940 to May 2, 1943. Born February 19, 1875, Lowell, Massachusetts. Died June 29, 1968, Shrewsbury, Massachusetts.

May the souls of our faithful departed through the infinite mercy of God rest in peace and light eternal shine upon them.

Sir Knights, at this time I would like to add that we have lost one of our Past Grand Warders who had made reservations and had planned to be here with us for this session, E. Sir Leonard H. Hoft, Past Grand Warder. He is at the Taylor Funeral Home in Melrose. Visiting hours are tomorrow from three to five and seven to nine. Tomorrow evening at eight there will be a Commandery Service. The funeral service will be Thursday morning at eleven A.M. at Trinity Church, West Emerson Street, Melrose.

Sir Knights, at this time we will suspend and hear the report of our Committee on Necrology. E. Sir Grand Prelate, will you give your report.

REPORT OF THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

September 17, 1968

To the Right Eminent Grand Commander and Members of this Grand Commandery of Knights Templar:

SIR KNIGHTS:

The resurrection of Jesus Christ was an experienced fact for the first disciples. The certainty of their faith in the risen Lord transformed their lives and made possible the subsequent achievements of the Christian tradition. New and victorious meaning had been imparted to life. "Because I live, ye shall live also."

Death has no power over Christ nor over those who find life's meaning in Him. Man's deepest longing is not to die but to live. Immortality is often difficult to explain, because we do not literally see it. But we do not see, in any literal sense, any of the great powers of the universe. No one ever saw an idea or a purpose, but these are great forces in life. No one ever saw a Christian virtue, yet this can be the most precious adornment of humankind. The real self, its ideas and purposes, memories and hopes, virtues and love, is invisible. It is this real self which enters eternal life, wherein all values are preserved, freed from the changes and chances of mortal life.

Death becomes a graduation from this imperfect primary department into a higher and more perfect rank of learning and living. The records of this Commandery year reveal that 447 Sir Knights have answered the summons of death. The human heart, of course, is saddened when a loved one passes through the valley of the shadow of death. We extend our sympathy to the loved ones of our departed Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery and all our sister jurisdictions. Anguish is felt when the soul longs

> "for the touch of a vanished hand,
> and the sound of a voice that is still."

The Christian Templar, however, draws his consolation from a faith that undergirds him the knowledge that at last there will come the happy and permanent reunion. The

poet Whittier pictures with these words what the Christian knows within his soul.

"Yet Love will dream, and Faith will trust,
(Since He who knows our need is just),
That somehow, somewhere, meet we must.
Who hath not learned, in hours of faith,
The truth to flesh and sense unknown,
That Life is ever Lord of Death,
And Love can never lose its own."

Christ gives to human life a meaning and a value that are eternal. He will give to us and to the families and loved ones of these our departed Sir Knights as he did to the disciples who followed Jesus along the shores of a Syrian sea a faith vindicated and triumphant in the Risen Emmanuel. "Because I live, ye shall live also."

Courteously submitted, for the Committee,

REV. W. IRVING MONROE, JR.

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR AND THE APPENDANT ORDERS OF MASSACHUSETTS AND RHODE ISLAND

Commandery	*Past Commander*	*Date of Death*
St. John's No. 1	J. Cunliffe Bullock	June 26, 1967
Washington No. 4	Seddie E. Williams	April 18, 1968
Springfield No. 6	George Ringchrist	Jan. 12, 1968
	Allen S. West	Feb. 6, 1968
Pilgrim No. 9	Dwight Harley Keyes	Mar. 31, 1968
	Charles Frederick Edlund	Mar. 25, 1968
	Walter Byron French	April 25, 1968
	Harry Gilmore Pollard	June 29, 1968
Palestine No. 10	Clinton A. Shibles	Oct. 31, 1967
Milford No. 11	Frederick Arthur Gould	Nov. 10, 1967
Calvary No. 13	Walter Howard Holcombe	Jan. 8, 1968
Haverhill No. 14	George Davis Currier	May 15, 1968
Sutton No. 16	Paul Garthley Covell	Dec. 3, 1967
Hugh de Payens No. 20	Frederick H. Simmons	Aug. 14, 1967
St. Omer No. 21	Frank Harrison Wilson	Jan. 27, 1968
	Chester L. Whittemore	Aug. 1, 1967
	Alfred Doyle	Oct. 29, 1967
	Charles W. Hull	Dec. 30, 1967
	Joseph F. Stead	
Berkshire No. 22	Frank William Bastow	June 25, 1968
Connecticut Valley No. 23	James A. Gunn	Nov. 2, 1967
	Marvin W. Ray	Feb. 26, 1968
Woonsocket No. 24	John Kokolski	May 1968
Godfrey de Bouillon No. 25	Hubert Walton Burdett	Dec. 23, 1967

Narragansett No. 27	Wanton Porter Hoxie	June 26, 1967
	Robert Hazard	Sept. 21, 1967
	Francis Marion Johnson	Oct. 10, 1967
Bristol No. 29	George Clement Hart	Jan. 20, 1968
	Robert W. Williams	Mar. 21, 1968
Natick No. 33	Earl Stuart Maxwell	Jan. 13, 1968
Gethsemane No. 35	William A. Mann	Sept. 20, 1967
Olivet No. 36	Wilfred Douglas Forbes	Mar. 10, 1968
Bay State No. 38	Roger Keith	May 2, 1968
St. Paul No. 40	Duncan McNaughton	Oct. 27, 1967
	John Miles	Jan. 13, 1968
Beauseant No. 41	Frank Rogier	Aug. 29, 1967
Cambridge No. 42	Bert P. Brockbank	Feb. 6, 1968
Bethlehem No. 43	Loring Abbott Cook	Dec. 8, 1967
	William G. Brown, Jr.	Feb. 24, 1968
Orange No. 45	James Richard Kimball	Dec. 27, 1967
Quincy No. 47	William Roy Dawes	Mar. 29, 1968
Temple No. 48	Carl Nelson	June 15, 1968
Reading No. 50	James Warren Killiam, Jr.	Oct. 23, 1967

IN MEMORIAM

HARRY GILMORE POLLARD

Most Eminent Grand Master 1940-1943
Right Eminent Grand Commander 1920-1921 of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

DECEASED PAST GRAND COMMANDERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Arizona	R. E. SIR JUDD GILBERT MINTER	Feb. 28, 1968
Connecticut	R. E. SIR JAMES ROBERTSON	May 4, 1968
Florida	R. E. SIR JOSEPH BORMAN	Sept. 5, 1968
	R. E. SIR BOYD LEE HUDGINS	Mar. 18, 1968
Georgia	R. E. SIR LUNIE JEFFERSON BROCK	Mar. 28, 1968
Illinois	R. E. SIR FRANCIS MELVIN CHEESEMAN	April 18, 1968
Indiana	R. E. SIR CLYDE ELBERT TITUS	Dec. 17, 1967
Kentucky	R. E. SIR WALTER ALDRIDGE TILLETT	Dec. 11, 1967
Louisiana	R. E. SIR J. GRADY MASKEW	Aug. 10, 1967
Maryland	R. E. SIR HARRY NICHOLAS REIMULLER	Sept. 18, 1967
	R. E. SIR CHARLES WM. ZIMMERMANN	Aug. 24, 1967
Michigan	R. E. SIR F. CAMPBELL BOWERS	Nov. 17, 1967
	R. E. SIR CHARLES GORDON MAHANA	Sept. 5, 1967
	R. E. SIR J. CLIFFORD SMITH	Nov. 14, 1967
Minnesota	R. E. SIR ELMER JOHN HILL	May 20, 1968
	R. E. SIR JOHN ALBERT JOHNSON	May 19, 1968
	R. E. SIR WILLIAM EVERT PAUL	July 10, 1967
Mississippi	R. E. SIR WM. LAWRENCE HOLLAND	Nov. 28, 1967
	R. E. SIR WALTON SMITH HOOTSELL	Dec. 8, 1967
Nevada	R. E. SIR FRANK CROCKETT LEWIS	Oct. 8, 1967
	R. E. SIR GEORGE B. RUSSELL	Oct. 18, 1967
New Mexico	R. E. SIR WILLIAM M. BICKEL	Dec. 14, 1967
Ohio	R. E. SIR VERNON C. MAXWELL	Jan. 21, 1968
Oklahoma	R. E. SIR CHARLES W. TEDROFUE	Oct. 24, 1967
Pennsylvania	R. E. SIR LEVI B. TAYLOR	Feb. 23, 1968
South Dakota	R. E. SIR C. MERRILL ALLEN	Oct. 18, 1967
Tennessee	R. E. SIR CARLISLE WILLIAM EVANS	April 8, 1968
Washington	R. E. SIR GLENN M. BAILEY, SR.	Mar. 22, 1968

	R. E. Sir Roderick Willis Jones	Feb.	8, 1968
Wisconsin	R. E. Sir James Seton Gray	Oct.	17, 1967
	R. E. Sir Willard Paul Matschke	Mar.	22, 1968

OTHER GRAND OFFICERS OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

Connecticut	Sir Knight William Franklin Olson Grand Generalissimo	Aug.	24, 1967
Florida	Sir Knight Henry Thos. Derington Grand Captain General	July	20, 1967
Maryland	Sir Knight William Carroll Parks Grand Captain General	Feb.	3, 1968
Wisconsin	Sir Knight Earl Moses VanLone Grand Treasurer	Sept.	16, 1967
	Sir Knight Harvey Carl Wellnitz Grand Generalissimo	Aug.	28, 1967

REPORT OF THE GRAND COMMANDER

It is with great pleasure that I welcome each of the Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction to this our 165th Annual Conclave. I sincerely hope that all will enjoy their stay in these new surroundings for this session.

It is a great honor to welcome so many distinguished guests which includes visitors from our sister Jurisdictions, together with the Most Worshipful Grand Masters, the Most Excellent High Priests and the Most Illustrious Grand Masters of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Also the Representatives of the Scottish Rite Bodies and the Shrines of our two States. We also heartily welcome R.E. Sir Roy Riegle, Grand Captain General of the Grand Encampment and Personal Representative of Most Eminent Sir John L. Crofts, Sr., Grand Master of the Grand Encampment of the U.S.A., also R.E. Sir Frank L. Bourke, Dept. Commander of the North Atlantic Dept.

We sincerely thank you all for coming and know that you will enjoy the friendliness and hospitality of the Sir Knights of this Jurisdiction.

RECEPTION

On Saturday evening, September 30, 1967, at the Colonial Statler Hilton Inn, Newburyport Commandery No. 3 sponsored a reception on my behalf to which 475 people attended. Sir Knight Clifton J. Toothaker, Jr., headed the

committee and served as toastmaster. These Sir Knights did an outstanding job and I will be forever indebted to them. A social hour preceded the banquet after which we all enjoyed dancing. My most hearty thanks to Sir Knight Robert Gustavson who was responsible for the wonderful social hour, both before and after the banquet. There is no doubt in my mind that everyone present had a wonderful time. My sincerest thanks to the Sir Knights of Newburyport Commandery No. 3.

MEMBERSHIP

For many and various reasons, membership in all Masonic bodies is on the decline so during the past year we again showed a loss of 322 in our total membership.

We know that there is nothing that we can do insofar as the Grim Reaper is concerned, but there is much that can be done to prevent many Sir Knights from asking for a demit or becoming suspended.

If each Commander will but arrange interesting meetings, the Sir Knights for the most part will become interested again and thereby become assets to our organization.

VISITATIONS

During the past year it was my pleasure to represent this Grand Commandery on 150 different occasions.

I was able to attend 48 inspections in this Jurisdiction and more the most part was well rewarded by the calibre of work exemplified.

My wife Polly accompanied me on several occasions and it was our pleasure to attend the Annual sessions of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.

All of these Grand Commanderies were friendly and their hospitality left nothing to be desired.

We attended the Easter Sunrise Service in Washington, D.C., and it was my privilege to be joined by 27 members of this Jurisdiction in the line of march.

It was my pleasure to attend meetings of the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts and Rhode Island together with various meetings of the Scottish Rite Bodies and Aleppo Shrine. I certainly enjoyed myself on these occasions and am very thankful for the invitations.

TEMPLAR

Through the untiring efforts of our Grand Recorder, R.E. Sir G. Burton Long and his two very efficient assistants, Miss Dorothy Fowler and Mrs. Dorothy Bond, I believe our magazine has arrived at the point where all Sir Knights who subscribe to this paper are kept fully informed as to what is going on in this Jurisdiction.

You are kept abreast of what is happening in our K.T. Educational Foundation, K.T. Eye Foundation, Membership and several other facets of Templary in which we are all interested.

For those who do not subscribe to our paper, I sincerely suggest that you talk to our Grand Recorder or someone in the office and make arrangements to do so.

YORK RITE FESTIVALS

Through the wonderful cooperation of some of our Commanderies, there were two York Rite Festivals held during this year, one in Hyde Park and the other in Natick.

The work of the Orders was very well done and I offer my sincere congratulations to all those responsible.

This seems to be the method preferred by most candidates, therefore I believe more festivals should be arranged, especially within our Jurisdiction. This is without a doubt the best possible way for a candidate to receive good work to whch he is rightfully entitled.

APPRECIATION

I am deeply indebted to our Past R.E. Grand Commander, Sir Knight Elliott N. Holley for having appointed me into this Grand Commandery line, thereby making it possible for me to become Grand Commander of this wonderful

organization under the Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Many thanks to the heads of the several bodies for their fine cooperation in the promotion of Masonry.

To the Grand line Officers I extend hearty thanks for your untiring efforts in promoting our cause.

Our various Committees through their Chairman have done an outstanding job and it was very pleasing to know that our Finance Committee and Trustees of the Grand Fund fully realize that the only way that we can promote Templary is by aggressive promotion and have therefore made funds available for that purpose.

To all Sir Knights who have labored hard and long for the Order, many thanks.

To our Grand Recorder, Sir Knight G. Burton Long, for his advice and guidance I will be forever grateful who together with his co-workers, Miss Dorothy Fowler and Mrs. Dorothy Bond gave generously of their time and talents far beyond the call of duty for the advancement of our Order. These are without a doubt three of our hardest workers in Templary. May the Good Lord give them continued good health that they may faithfully serve us for many years

To the Presiding Councils Club and the Past Commanders Association, many thanks for sponsoring and promoting the various social functions during the year.

I am proud and honored to have been made an honorary member of the following Commanderies—Bristol No. 29, Natick No. 33 and Bethlehem No. 43.

To the Sir Knights of Newburyport Commandery No. 3, I shall be forever grateful for their permitting me to serve as their Commander thereby making me eligible to serve as Grand Commander.

I have been honored by being the first representative of this third oldest Commandery to serve as Grand Commander and I sincerely want to thank all the Sir Knights of Newburyport Commandery for all they have done for me during these many years.

CONCLUSION

Sir Knights, having reached the end of my term of office, it is with much humility and pride that I prepare to pass on the head of this Jurisdiction to my successor. I wish for him all the cooperation from all the Sir Knights that it has been my privilege to receive.

This office has not been without its problems, but I hope that all such problems have been settled to the satisfaction of the majority.

Sir Knights, once again I thank you sincerely for this opportunity and shall be forever grateful.

Courteously,

GORDON C. PLAYER
Grand Commander

DISPENSATIONS TO RECEIVE AND BALLOT ON SAME AT THE STATED CONCLAVES OR AT SPECIAL CONCLAVES

In accordance with the specific powers granted to the Grand Commander by Article VIII, Section 2, of the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Commandery to permit Constituent Commanderies to receive petitions and ballot thereon at the same or Special Conclaves after such notice as he may deem proper. I granted dispensations to receive and ballot during 1967-1968 upon petitions at the same or Special Conclaves as follows:

Number of Petitions		*Commandery*
3	Sept. 1, 1967	St. John's No. 1
2	Oct. 10, 1967	Woonsocket No. 24
2	Oct. 18, 1967	Boston No. 2
2	Oct. 23, 1967	De Molay No. 7
6	Oct. 27, 1967	Bristol No. 29
2	Nov. 15, 1967	Boston No. 2
1	Nov. 20, 1967	Cambridge No. 42
5	Dec. 20, 1967	Boston No. 2
2	Jan. 3, 1968	Narragansett No. 27
4	Jan. 5, 1968	Boston No. 2
2	Feb. 5, 1968	St. John's No. 1
1	Feb. 6, 1968	Natick No. 33
4	Feb. 20, 1968	Olivet No. 36
5	Feb. 27, 1968	De Molay No. 7
3	Mar. 1, 1968	Ivanhoe No. 46

4	Mar. 18, 1968	Bristol No. 29
4	Mar. 18, 1968	Washington No. 4
3	Mar. 21, 1968	Boston No. 2
2	Mar. 22, 1968	De Molay No. 7
1	Mar. 22, 1968	Gethsemane No. 35
2	April 1968	Springfield No. 6
16	April 15, 1968	Sutton No. 16
3	April 16, 1968	Boston No. 2
2	April 22, 1968	De Molay No. 7
2	April 30, 1968	Ivanhoe No. 46
1	May 10, 1968	Woonsocket No. 24
4	May 14, 1968	Boston No. 2
2	May 20, 1968	Coeur de Lion No. 34
1	May 22, 1968	De Molay No. 7
1	June 4, 1968	Reading No. 50
1	June 6, 1968	Bristol No. 29
2	June 19, 1968	Boston No. 2
1	June 20, 1968	De Molay No. 7
96	Total	

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED FOR OTHER PURPOSES

October 2, 1967—BAY STATE COMMANDERY No. 38 K.T. to hold a Special Election for the Office of Junior Warden and such other Officers as necessary.

October 4, 1967—BEAUSEANT COMMANDERY No. 41 K.T. to appear in public, in Full Templar Uniform on October 7th at the Masonic Temple in Malden to present to Malden Chapter of De Molay their certificate as a Patron Sponsor in the Knight Templar Eye Foundation.

November 2, 1967—OLD COLONY COMMANDERY No. 15 K.T. to hold a Special Election for the Office of Senior Warden and such other officers as necessary.

November 6, 1967—HUGH DE PAYENS COMMANDERY No. 20 K.T. to hold a Special Election for the office of Junior Warden and such other officers as necessary.

January 19, 1968—HUGH DE PAYENS COMMANDERY No. 20 K.T. to put on the Order of Malta in full form on February 12th in Bethlehem Commandery No. 43 K.T., Gloucester, Mass.

February 16, 1968—HAVERHILL COMMANDERY No. 14 K.T. to appear in public at the Northeast Commanderies' Ladies' Night on February 24, 1968, with their flags and banners.

February 20, 1968—JERUSALEM COMMANDERY No. 19 K.T. to confer the Orders of Red Cross and Malta (in short form) at a Special Conclave.

February 27, 1968—HOLY SEPULCHRE No. 8 K.T. to hold their Stated Conclave on April 18th at the Abbie Francis Lawton Memorial Home on 92 Summit Street, Central Falls, this is due to their present building being torn down.

April 29, 1968—HOLY SEPULCHRE No. 8 K.T. to hold their Annual Conclave on June 21, 1968, and succeeding Conclaves until completion of the new Masonic Temple in Pawtucket, R. I., in the Times Building, 23 Exchange St., Pawtucket, R. I.

April 29, 1968—SUTTON COMMANDERY No. 16 K.T. to hold a Special Conclave on Saturday, May 4, 1968, in South Yarmouth, Massachusetts, and receive and ballot upon the petitions for candidates.

July 26, 1968—TEMPLE COMMANDERY No. 48 K.T. to hold a Special Election for the Offices of Junior and Senior Wardens and such other officers as necessary at their Stated Conclave on September 12, 1968.

August 20, 1968—BERKSHIRE COMMANDERY No. 22 K.T. to hold a Special Election for the offices of Captain General and such other Officers as may be necessary at their Stated Conclave to be held in September.

August 23, 1968—GODFREY DE BOUILLON No. 25 K.T. to hold a Special Election for the office of Commander, Generalissimo, Captain General, Senior Warden and Junior Warden at their Stated Conclave on September 14, 1968.

September 3, 1968—THOMAS SMITH WEBB COMMANDERY No. 51 K.T. to hold a Special Election for the office of Recorder at their Stated Conclave to be held on September 28, 1968.

RELEASES OF JURISDICTION RECEIVED

September 21, 1967—BETHANY COMMANDERY No. 17 K.T., Lawrence, Massachusetts, release of Jurisdiction over Companion Lloyd George McCoubry, Windham, New Hampshire, from St. George's Commandery, Nashua, New Hampshire.

March 18, 1968—BETHANY COMMANDERY No. 17 K.T., Lawrence, Massachusetts, release of Jurisdiction over Companions Kenneth Henry Hurteau, Atkinson, New Hampshire, and Walter Lord Clarke, Salem, New Hampshire, from St. George Commandery, Nashua, New Hampshire.

March 27, 1968—NEWBURYPORT COMMANDERY No. 3 K.T., Newburyport, Massachusetts, release of Jurisdiction over Roger Hugo Kaptmann, North Hampton, New Hampshire, from DeWitt Clinton Commandery, Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

June 18, 1968—BETHANY COMMANDERY No. 17 K.T., Lawrence, Massachusetts, release of Jurisdiction over Companions Keith Harry Gebelein, Salem, New Hampshire, and Carmick Kachaderian, Salem Depot, New Hampshire, from St. George Commandery, Nashua, New Hampshire.

COURTESY GRANTED

March 30, 1968—CYPRUS COMMANDERY No. 39 K.T., Hyde Park, Massachusetts, conferred the Orders of Knighthood on Companion Oscar K. Pruitt as a courtesy to San Antonio Commandery No. 7 K.T., San Antonio, Texas.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES NOMINATED

March 14, 1968—ARIZONA. Sir Kt. James P. McCormack, as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Arizona near the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

March 16, 1968—NEW YORK. R.E. Sir Louis A. Beaudoin, as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of New York near the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

April 1, 1968—OREGON. Sir Kt. William A. Weiss, as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Oregon near the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

May 21, 1968—ARKANSAS. Sir Kt. Robert M. MacKenzie, as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Arkansas near the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

August 27, 1968—MISSOURI. Sir Kt. Clifton J. Toothaker, as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Missouri near the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES APPOINTED

September 21, 1967—NEW YORK. R.E. Sir George D. Barclay, as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island to the Grand Commandery K.T. of New York.

November 10, 1967—ARIZONA. Sir Kt. Harry A. Moxon, as Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island to the Grand Commandery K.T. of Arizona.

January 30, 1968—OREGON. Sir Kt. J. Robert Williams, as the Grand Representative of the Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island to the Grand Commandery K.T. of Oregon.

THOMAS SMITH WEBB MEDALS

During 1967-1968, NINETEEN COMMANDERIES presented 106 THOMAS SMITH WEBB MEDALS as follows: 40-year Veterans—

St. John's Commandery No. 1	5
Boston Commandery No. 2	2
Newburyport Commandery No. 3	10
Holy Sepulchre Commandery No. 8	6
Palestine Commandery No. 10	9
Calvary Commandery No. 13	12
Sutton Commandery No. 16	5
Jerusalem Commandery No. 19	1
St. Omer Commandery No. 21	6
Connecticut Valley Commandery No. 23	7
Joseph Warren Commandery No. 26	5
Bristol Commandery No. 29	4
South Shore Commandery No. 31	15
Coeur de Lion Commandery No. 34	3
Cyprus Commandery No. 39	3
Orange Commandery No. 45	2
Quincy Commandery No. 47	2
Temple Commandery No. 48	5
Thomas Smith Webb Commandery No. 51	4
Total	106

FIFTY YEAR SERVICE BARS

During the year 1967-1968, EIGHT COMMANDERIES presented 13 "FIFTY-YEAR SERVICE BARS."

Boston Commandery No. 2	1
Holy Sepulchre Commandery No. 8	3
Palestine Commandery No. 10	2
South Shore Commandery No. 31	1
St. Omer Commandery No. 21	3
Cyprus Commandery No. 39	1
Orange Commandery No. 45	1
Ivanhoe Commandery No. 46	1
Total	13

V.E. SIR NORMAN L. STAVELEY: Sir Knights, I am willing to entertain a motion to accept this report.

E. SIR JACK R. BAKER: V.E. Sir, I move the Grand Commander's report be accepted and spread upon the records. (Motion seconded)

V.E. SIR NORMAN L. STAVELEY: Sir Knights, you have heard the motion made and seconded that we accept the report of the R.E. Grand Commander and spread upon the records. All in favor signify by the sword arm. All opposed. It is a vote.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you. At this time we will have a report from the Jurisprudence Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

September 17, 1968

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

RT. EM. GRAND COMMANDER GORDON C. PLAYER:

Pursuant to the duties vested in it by the Constitution, during the fiscal year ending September 17, 1968, the Committee on Jurisprudence has considered and reported as approved By-Laws Amendments for the following Constituent Commanderies:

Beauseant No. 41, Berkshire No. 22, Bristol No. 29, Cambridge No. 42, Coeur de Lion No. 34, Cyprus No. 39, Godfrey de Bouillon No. 25, Jerusalem No. 19, Natick No. 33, Newburyport No. 3, Old Colony No. 15, Olivet No. 36, Pilgrim No. 9 (two Amendments), Reading No. 50, Quincy No. 47, St. Paul No. 40, Thomas Smith Webb No. 51, Winslow Lewis No. 18, Worcester County No. 5.

Consideration of proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of Temple Commandery No. 48 is awaiting receipt of additional information from the Recorder of that Commandery.

The Committee has also at the request of the Grand Commander considered and rendered an opinion as to the precise time at which the proposed Amendment of Section 2 of Article VII of the Constitution would become effective if adopted in the form submitted to the 1968 Annual Conclave and possible procedure in respect thereto.

Respectfully and courteously submitted,

E. SIR WINSLOW A. ROBBINS, *Chairman*

E. SIR WHITFIELD W. JOHNSON
R. E. SIR ROBERT GARDINER WILSON, JR.
E. SIR FRANKLAND W. L. MILES
E. SIR EUGENE P. CARVER, JR.

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to accept the above report and that same be printed in the Annual Proceedings of this Grand Commandery.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: At this time we will hear the Report of the Grand Recorder.

REPORT OF THE GRAND RECORDER

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

SIR KNIGHTS:

Total Membership as of June 30, 1968			13,807
Gains:			
Knighted	358		
Affiliations	10		
Reinstatements	15		
Errors	0	383	
Losses:			
Demitted	129		
Suspended	123		
Deaths	447		
Errors	6	705	
Net Loss			322
Total Membership as of June 30, 1968			13,485
Massachusetts (198)	11,823		13,485
Rhode Island (124)	1,662		

Although this is a large and disappointing loss, an investigation revealed some signs of encouragement.

The Blue Lodge, Chapter and Scottish Rite all showed losses. This decline in fraternal growth is evidentally, a part of the present day unrest.

I firmly believe, however, had it not been for the sincere leadership of our Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Gordon C. Player, our losses would have been infinitely greater. The many hours he devoted every week

to the Constituent Commanderies in Workshops and Inspections coupled with his fine support of the New Membership Program did much to keep our losses within due bounds. I can only say, his efforts brought honor to himself and credit to the Grand Commandery.

Courteously submitted,

G. BURTON LONG, *Grand Recorder*

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to accept the above report and same to be printed in the Annual Proceedings of this Grand Commandery.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, at this time, we will suspend further reports and call upon our No. 1 Mason in Massachusetts to speak to us at this time. Most Worshipful and R.E. Sir Thomas A. Booth, Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts.

MOST WORSHIPFUL THOMAS A. BOOTH: I am very happy to be here in the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island once more. Unfortunately I was unable to be here last year due to a trip out of state. Templary still does mean something to me even though most of my efforts have been in another direction lately.

I was interested in hearing your report and that of the Grand Recorder regarding a loss of membership because that is something that interests us all. It is perhaps a coincidence but in our Grand Lodge we lost about 1700 members last year. I don't know what it is going to be this year. I hope things are going to improve a little bit but I have no guarantee of it yet.

Of that 1700 lost almost exactly to the man it was by demits and suspensions. Our new members almost equaled the deaths.

In the Grand Commandery you again had 300 suspensions and demits. This is unfortunate but I wonder whether that 300 loss is really as serious as it sounds. Sometimes we have a habit of taking members in who are not really intereted. Somehow, and I think this happens sometimes in our Symbolic Lodge as well, for some reason a man applies for admission into a Blue Lodge. Nobody really knows the reason why. Somehow or other we don't really give him the education he should have in what Blue Lodge Masonry and what Masonry as a whole means. I think perhaps the same thing might happen in Templary as well. Do they really know what Masonry and Templary is?

I am not criticizing, of course, because the two things seem to go along in line. I feel we have a job to educate our Masons and our Knights Templar, Chapter Masons and Council Masons, and we can include the Scottish Rite with them, but it is a question that Masons come up so fast that they don't really absorb the knowledge of the individual Orders and for some reason or other they fall by the wayside.

There is one thing we all have to do. A Mason in the days of old strove for perfection and we have to strive for perfection in our members and look for the best men we can and give them the best knowledge and education in our Orders that they can get and then keep their interest in that way. Once they know what it is all about, Templary and Masonry, I think we will be back on the road but I don't think at the present time that we should worry about it. Be concerned, true, but don't worry because the trend is there.

I congratulate you and the Grand Commandery. I know how hard you have worked. It is a little disappointing because each Grand Commander who goes in likes to see a total gain but it doesn't happen. When you look at the record I think the Grand Recorder had 13,807 for membership. Well, I can speak I think fairly authoritatively that just about eleven years ago it was only about 14,807 so in ten years you have only lost a thousand but that isn't bad considering the times we have. So I think you are to be congratulated and the Commanders of the Grand Commandery are to be congratulated in holding the line as well as you have. But if we can all get together and work together and teach Masonry to our candidates and up through the lines to the various bodies, keep them interested, make them really love the organization they work in and feel they want to do something for it rather than get something

out of it, then we will really be on the right track again. Thank you very much.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you, M.W. Grand Master.

At this time we will call on our M.W. Grand Master, Kenneth G. Pearson, Grand Master of Masons in Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

M.W. KENNETH G. PEARSON: R.E. Grand Commander, Sir Knights.

I too enjoy the privilege of being a Sir Knight and it is a marvelous thing for me to be the Grand Master of Rhode Island to attend this Grand Commandery.

First of all, R.E. Sir, may I thank you and the Grand Commandery for the hospitality that I have already received while attending this Conclave.

It is a privilege to meet so many Templars from Massachusetts because a meeting of new Brothers is the most important thing as far as we of the Blue Lodge feel.

I read a little poem, three lines, that I have repeated over and over again which I think exemplifies our Masonic Order so well and I would like to repeat it here because I have one or two words that I would like to say afterwards and our M.W. Grand Master of Massachusetts has kind of stolen a little bit of my thunder. The three lines go as follows:

I sought my soul but my soul I could not see.
I sought my God but my God eluded me.
I sought my Brother and I found all three.

I think this is so typical and exemplifies Masonry that I am going to use these three little lines all through this coming year because I think they just strike home. I found my Brother and I found all three.

I like to think of Masonry as Blue Lodge and the Concordant Bodies as a tree. We use the Blue Lodge as a sort of foundation and the Council, the Chapter, the Commandery, the Scottish Rite, the Shrine and the other Concordant Bodies are just the growth from the roots. Before we can

have the growth in membership in the Concordant Bodies we must strengthen the roots and the Blue Lodge is the place where we start to strengthen the roots.

Looking through the number of members in the Concordant Bodies and we break it down to an average, and I have done this just in Rhode Island and Massachusetts, I find the average works out that about one in five belong to the Scottish Rite and to the Chapter, about one in seven to the Council and about one in ten to Knights Templar Commandery and the Shrine. Certainly with these figures it proves that we have got to increase the membership in our Blue Lodge. We need not only to increase in numbers but we need to increase in good members.

So may I ask you once again, attend your Blue Lodge. Please think a great deal of Knight Templary, I do, but come back to Blue Lodge and strengthen those roots. We need the men who have the interest in Masonry first before we can bring in other interested Masons.

I thank you all for the privilege of being with you. To all those I have not met at the present time I hope you make yourself known before the day is over because it is a wonderful thrill to be the Grand Master of a State and meet new friends.

Once again, R.E. Sir, I thank you for the courtesies extended to me and I look forward to the rest of the day. Thank you very much.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: At this time we will have the Report of the Grand Treasurer, R.E. Sir Robert G. Wilson, Jr.

THE GRAND RECORDER: R.E. Sir, I know the Grand Treasurer is not with us today. I do not know whether he has appointed anyone to read his report. I am only qualified to give it in a most abbreviated form if you will accept that.

The Grand Treasurer's Report was read by R.E. Sir G. Burton Long as follows:

REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER

EXHIBIT A

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.

GENERAL FUND
GRAND RECORDER'S CASH SUMMARY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1968

Arrears Collected	$ 679.36
Per Capita Dues	18,190.40
Candidates' Fees	2,492.00
Thomas mith Webb Medals	329.75
Diplomas and Engraving	433.00
Tactics	82.00
Rituals	276.00
Official Orders	224.12
Eye Foundation Assessment	12,198.00
Dues Cards	874.60
Printing and Postage	85.80
Annual Conclave—1967	3,216.94
Annual Conclave—1968	411.97
Interest—Savings Banks	290.26
Fifty Year Bars	19.50
Grand Encampment Constitutions	23.25
Transferred from Grand Fund—	
Unrestricted	5,623.00
Office Personnel	3,500.00
Grand Encampment Dues	2,147.00
Equipment	248.00
Miscellaneous	88.50
Total Receipts for the Year	$51,433.45

EXHIBIT B

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.

GENERAL FUND
GRAND TREASURER'S CASH SUMMARY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1968

Balance September 1, 1967	$21,242.51
Received from Grand Recorder	51,433.45
Total	$72,675.96

Expenditures

Per Capita Tax	$ 4,694.38	
Eye Foundation	12,198.00	
Conclaves	3,291.53	
Triennial Reserve	1,500.00	
Conclave Reserve	2,750.00	
Annual Proceedings	1,200.00	
Group Meetings	242.25	
Promotional	114.99	
Public Relations	343.49	
Inspections	643.14	
Exemplifications	194.06	
Salaries:		
Grand Recorder	$ 2,677.88	
Secretary	3,566.90	
Assistant Secretary	4,094.50	
Treasurer	500.00	
Total	$10,839.28	
Less—Payroll Taxes Withheld	1,857.19	8,982.09
Social Security Taxes		609.70
Federal and State Taxes Withheld		2,071.80
Massachusetts Unemployment Taxes		183.37
Miscellaneous		639.69
Repairs Grand Commander's Jewel		48.41
Printing and Postage		1,823.62
Rent		1,950.00
Insurance and Bonding		294.34
Audit		300.00
Office Furniture and Equipment		307.00
Office Supplies		278.11
Telephone		351.00
Grand Commander's Fund		500.00
Marking Officers		250.00
Rituals		213.00
Diplomas		425.50
Thomas Smith Webb Medals		279.10
Blue Cross-Blue Shield		56.65
Promotional Activities		1,510.23
Dues Cards		830.72
Total Expenditures		$49,076.17
Balance August 31, 1968		$23,599.79

Consisting of:

Checking Account—First National Bank of Boston	$22,675.85
Savings Accounts—	
South Weymouth Savings Bank Book No. 19542	600.00
Home Savings Bank Book No. 552368	223.94
Petty Cash	100.00
Total as Above	$23,599.79

EXHIBIT C

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.

GENERAL FUND
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1968

Income	*Actual*	*Budget*	*Actual Under or (Over) Budget*
Per Capita	$18,429.58	$16,983.00	($1,446.58)
Candidates' Fees	2,492.00	3,150.00	658.00
Grand Fund Appropriation	5,623.00	5,623.00	
Other Income	543.48		(543.48)
Total Income	$27,088.06	$25,756.00	($1,332.06)

Expenses

Grand Encampment Dues—1967.	2,547.38*	2,500.00	(47.38)
Conclaves—1968 (Net)	2,585.02	2,750.00	164.98
Proceedings—1967	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Printing and Postage	1,635.30	1,750.00	114.70
Rent	1,800.00	1,800.00	
Inspections	643.14	750.00	106.86
Group Meetings	242.25	250.00	7.75
Triennial Reserve	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Bond and Insurance	294.34	300.00	5.66
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	56.65	55.00	(1.65)
Salary—Grand Recorder	2,677.88	2,678.00	.12
Salary—Grand Treasurer	500.00	500.00	
Salary—Clerk	3,566.90	3,500.00	(66.90)
Part Time Office Help	594.50*	700.00	105.50
Exemplifications	194.06	200.00	5.94
Grand Commander's Fund	500.00	500.00	
Public Relations—Publicity	343.49	350.00	6.51
Marking Officers	250.00	250.00	
Promotional Activities	114.99	200.00	85.01
F.I.C.A. and Unemployment Taxes	756.31	425.00	(331.31)
Repairs—Gr. Commander's Jewel	48.41	65.00	16.59
Auditor	300.00	300.00	
Office Supplies	278.11	300.00	21.89
Telephone	351.00	300.00	(51.00)
Miscellaneous	463.86	500.00	36.14
Contingent	1,966.23	2,000.00	33.77
Total Expenses	$25,409.82*	$25,623.00	$ 213.18
Excess of Income over Expenses	$ 1,678.24	$ 133.00	$1,545.24

* Exclusive of $5,647.00 covered by Special Grand Fund Appropriation.

Grand Encampment Dues	$2,147.00
Office Personnel	3,500.00

EXHIBIT D

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.
GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET AS AT AUGUST 31, 1968

ASSETS

Cash:		
First National Bank of Boston	$22,675.85	
S. Weymouth Sav. Bank Acct. No. 19542	600.00	
Home Savings Bank Account No. 552368	223.94	
Petty Cash	100.00	$23,599.79
Accounts Receivable		247.18
Furniture and Equipment		3,297.33
Inventories:		
Diplomas	94.00	
Thomas Smith Webb Medals	11.25	
Merit Badges	39.00	
Printing, Postage and Supplies	677.35	
Rituals	1,166.00	

Tactics	325.00	
Fifty Year Bars	51.25	
Grand Commandery Insignia	92.00	2,455.85
Total Assets		$29,600.15

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Accrued and Withheld Taxes:			
Federal and State Income Taxes Withheld		252.39	
Social Security Taxes Accrued and Withheld		173.70	426.09
Accrued Expenses			1,605.00
Deposits on Leased Rituals			275.00
Ritual Account			1,300.00
Reserve for Furniture and Equipment			293.75
Net Worth September 1, 1967		23,774.07	
Add: Excess of Income over Expenses—Exhibit C	$1,678.24		
Transfer from Grand Fund—Expended for Equipment	248.00	1,926.24	
Net Worth August 31, 1968			$25,700.31
Total Liabilities and Net Worth			$29,600.15

EXHIBIT E

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.
TRIENNIAL CONCLAVE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance September 1, 1967		$ 15.91
Add: Transfer from Gen. Fund for 1970 Trien.	$1,500.00	
Interest on Savings Account	.39	1,500.39
Bal. Aug. 31, 1968—In S. Boston Sav. Bank Acct. No. 189482		$1,516.30

EXHIBIT F

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.
CARRIE E. SEITZ FUND

Balance September 1, 1967	$4,690.63
Add: Interest on Savings Account	214.64
Total	$4,905.27
Deduct: Withdrawn for Grants	150.00
Bal. Aug. 31, 1968—In S. Weymouth Sav. Bank Act. # 22847	$4,755.27

EXHIBIT G

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.
"MARTIN FUND" (A. KENNETH MARTIN)

Balance August 31, 1968— In Home Savings Bank Account No. 528336	$1,000.00

EXHIBIT H

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.
WILLIAM F. WEST FUND

Balance September 1, 1967	$1,258.04
Add: Interest on Savings Account	61.47
Bal. Aug. 31, 1968—In Home Sav. Bank Act. No. 539719	$1,319.51

EXHIBIT I

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.
CONCLAVE RESERVE ACCOUNT

Balance September 1, 1967		$2,901.37
Add: Interest on Savings Account	$ 171.49	
Received for 1967-68 Budget	2,750.00	2,921.49
Total		$5,822.86
Deduct: Transfer to General Fund—1967	2,618.46	
1968	411.97	3,030.43
Bal. Aug. 31, 1968, In Wildey Sav. Bank Ac. # 191833		$2,792.43

THE GRAND RECORDER: I move the acceptance of the Grand Treasurer's Report pending the acceptance of the Auditor's Report. (Motion carried)

THE GRAND COMMANDERY
OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.

GENERAL FUND

AUDITOR'S REPORT AND CERTIFICATE

for the

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1968

I have examined the accounting and financial records of the Grand Recorder and the Grand Treasurer of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Inc., for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1968, and in connection therewith submit the following appended exhibits:

Exhibit A—Grand Recorder's Cash Summary
Exhibit B—Grand Treasurer's Cash Summary
Exhibit C—Comparative statement of Income and Expenses
Exhibit D—Balance Sheet as at August 31, 1968
Exhibit E—Triennial Conclave Reserve Account
Exhibit F—Carrie E. Seitz Fund

Exhibit G—Martin Fund (A. Kenneth Martin)
Exhibit H—William F. West Fund
Exhibit I—Conclave Reserve Account

My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

In my opinion, the accompanying statements, as listed above, present fairly the financial position of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Inc., at August 31, 1968, and the results of its transactions for the fiscal year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

ROBERT P. BEACH
Certified Public Accountant

Cambridge, Massachusetts
September 16, 1968

THE GRAND COMMANDER: May we have a Report from the Trustees of the Grand Fund?

R.E. SIR G. BURTON LONG: This is a Report of the Trustees of the Grand Fund:

(The Report of the Trustees of the Grand Fund was read by R.E. Sir G. Burton Long.)

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE GRAND FUND

Boston, Mass., Sept. 17, 1968

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

SIR KNIGHTS:

The Trustees of the Grand Fund present herewith the report for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1968, in the appended hereto exhibits:

EXHIBIT A—Statement of Income and Expenses for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1968.
EXHIBIT B—Statement of Assets and Principal as of August 31, 1968.

EXHIBIT C—Schedule of Bonds, Stocks and Savings Banks Accounts as of August 31, 1968, and Related Income for the fiscal year ended.

The accounts have been audited by Sir Kt. Robert P. Beach, Certified Public Accountant.

EXHIBIT A

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.
GRAND FUND
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1968

Income		
Interest on Bonds	$ 155.34	
Dividends on Stocks	7,533.42	
Interest on Savings Bank Deposits	2,320.39	
Total Income		$10,009.15
Expenses		
Rental of Safe Deposit Box	$ 12.00	
Audit Fee	175.00	
Total Expenses		187.00
Net Income for the Year		$ 9,822.15

EXHIBIT B

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND PRINCIPAL
AS AT AUGUST 31, 1968

ASSETS

Stocks—at Book Value (Exhibit C) (Approximate Market—$209,000)	$105,636.09	
Savings Bank Accounts (Exhibit C)	48,243.24	
Total Assets		$153,879.33

PRINCIPAL

Balance, September 1, 1967		157,512.69
Add:		
Grand Fund Net Income for the Fiscal Year Ended August 31, 1968 (Exhibit A)	$ 9,822.15	
Capital Gain Dividends Taken in Stock—Mass. Inv. Tr.	1,537.29	
Proceeds from Sale of Rights	56.44	11,415.88
		$168,928.57
Deduct: Transferred to General Fund—Unrestricted	$5,623.00	
Office Personnel	3,500.00	
Grand Encampment Dues	2,147.00	
Equipment	248.00	11,518.00
Net Loss on Sale of Securities		3,031.24
Imprest Fund for Use of Grand Commander and Grand Recorder		500.00
		15,049.24
Total Principal		$153,879.33

EXHIBIT C

THE GRAND COMMANDERY OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.
GRAND FUND
SCHEDULE OF BONDS, STOCKS AND SAVINGS BANK ACCOUNTS AS AT AUGUST 31, 1968, AND RELATED INCOME FOR THE FISCAL YEAR THEN ENDED

Amount	*Bonds*	*Book Value*	*Income*
3000	Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad—General Mortgage 4% 1995	*	$ 70.67
4000	Boston & Maine R.R. "A" 4½% 1970	*	
1500	Boston & Main Corporation 1st Mtge. Series TT Extended to 1970	*	84.67
	Totals	*	155.34
Shares	*Stocks*		
200	American Cyanamid Company	$ 6,394.87	$ 250.00
498	American Telephone & Telegraph Co.	14,779.87	1,170.30
140	American Tobacco Company	2,144.59	255.50
216	Chase Manhattan Bank	4,050.65	496.80
182	Chemical Bank New York Trust Co.	3,531.35	418.60
669	Colonial Fund, Inc.	10,008.24	
233	First National Bank of Boston	3,977.27	629.12
277	First Penn. Banking & Trust Co.	5,798.36	458.44
50	General Electric Company	5,849.06	130.00
159	General Motors Corporation	4,847.19	643.95
262	Household Finance Corporation	3,125.23	268.55
1528	Massachusetts Investors Trust	16,484.25	720.06
200	Pacific Lighting Corporation	3,370.01	310.00
204	Pittsburgh National Bank	4,550.00	448.80
140	Shawmut Association, Inc.	6,600.00	350.00
150	Standard Oil Company (New Jersey)	8,129.48	532.50
222	Union Oil Company of California	1,995.67	310.80
50	United Fruit Company	*	65.00
75	F. W. Woolworth Company	*	75.00
	Totals	$105,636.09	$7,533.42
	Percent Yield		7.13%
Book No.	*Savings Banks*		
289908	Charlestown Savings Bank	$ 13,424.35	$ 504.54
405308	Home Savings Bank	6,780.31	323.32
62890	Salem Savings Bank	1,000.00	48.76
44989	Weymouth Savings Bank	1,391.53	69.99
190689	Wildey Savings Bank	14,447.10	649.16
196439	Wildey Savings Bank	1,199.95	223.06
804813	Worcester Five Cents Savings Bank	5,000.00	251.56

178981	Worcester Mechanics Savings Bank	5,000.00	250.00
	Totals	$ 48,243.24	$2,320.39
	Percent Yield		4.81%
	Total Percent Yield		6.50%

* Sold in August 1968.

R.E. SIR G. BURTON LONG: I recommend its acceptance subject to the report of the auditor.

R.E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: R.E. Grand Commander, what is the market value of the fund, please?

R.E. SIR G. BURTON LONG: Market value $209,000 against book value of $105,000.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Does that answer your question, R.E. Sir?

R.E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: Yes, Sir.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, it has been moved and seconded to accept the report pending the report of the Auditor. All those in favor will signify in the usual manner. All those opposed. It is a vote.

At this time we will have the Report of the Auditor.

E. SIR ROBERT P. BEACH:

THE GRAND COMMANDERY
OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR, INC.

GRAND FUND

AUDITOR'S REPORT AND CERTIFICATE

for the

FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1968

I have examined the accounting and financial records of the Grand Fund of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Inc., for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1968, and submit herewith the following exhibits:

Exhibit A—Statement of Income and Expenses for the fiscal year ended August 31, 1968.

Exhibit B—Statement of Assets and Principal as at August 31, 1968.

Exhibit C—Schedule of Bonds, Stocks, and Savings Bank Accounts as at August 31, 1968, and Related Income for the fiscal year then ended.

Investment securities held by the Grand Fund at August 31, 1968, were examined at the vault of the Boylston Street office of the National Shawmut Bank of Boston in the presence of G. Burton Long, Grand Recorder, and Hubert N. Bernard, Jr., Trustee. Changes in investments during the year were substantiated by examination of brokers' advices and cash transactions. Comparisons were also made of income received on investments with interest rates and published dividend declarations and it was determined that all income receivable from investments was received and properly recorded in the accounts during the year.

Savings bank books were examined and the balances at August 31, 1968, verified by direct confirmation with the banks.

In my opinion, the accompanying statements present fairly the financial position of the Grand Fund of The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar, Inc., at August 31, 1968, and the results of its transactions for the fiscal year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

ROBERT P. BEACH
Certified Public Accountant

Cambridge, Massachusetts
September 12, 1968

Copies of my report are available with the Grand Recorder and at the Grand Recorder's office at the Masonic Temple in Boston. I would be pleased to answer any questions you may have at the close of this Conclave.

E. SIR HAROLD A. BUDREAU: R.E. Grand Commander, what is the net worth of the Grand Commandery?

E. SIR ROBERT P. BEACH: Well, the net worth of the General Fund of the Grand Commandery according to

the report is roughly $22,000 at that date. The bulk of the Grand Commandery funds are vested in the Trustees of the Grand Fund and the total value of that per the books is around $150,000 and the market value around $250,000.

E. SIR HAROLD A. BUDREAU: Net worth around $300,000?

R.E. SIR G. BURTON LONG: R.E. Grand Commander, I move the adoption of the reports of the Grand Recorder, Grand Treasurer, Trustees of the Grand Fund and the Auditor, and that they be spread upon the records. (Motion seconded and voted)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: At this time I would call on M.E. Charles A. Cross, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts, to say a few words to us.

M.E. CHARLES A. CROSS: R.E. Grand Commander, M.W. Grand Master, distinguished guests and Sir Knights. When I run a meeting and I have to do it myself I designate certain Companions that are there and I find myself speaking at the end with not much to say because everything has been said and I find myself in the same spot here today, speaking after the two Grand Masters I find myself with little to say.

I do know this and if I may be in line with what has already been said here that I think the time has come in our Masonic life when we have to get together with the heads of the different Bodies and plan our work for the year. We find ourselves many times on many evenings with programs that we would like to be in attendance at but impossible to do so.

We hear that naturally we must attend our Blue Lodge. I can't get back to mine very often but I might tell you Sir Knights and Companions that being the Chairman of my Delinquent Committee for my Blue Lodge I make many calls to try to save a Brother from being suspended or just go by the wayside. Everyone of these Brothers I talk to comes out with the same statement, what is the Lodge doing for

me to get me to come out? I am sure that M.W. Tom hears it many times, what is the Lodge doing for me?

I think we have got to get together to plan our meetings for the year so as not to conflict with one another. During my year I have traveled widely, not too much with the Commandery or the Council but certainly we work together, and I am trying to bring a program in that will do just the one thing for me so at the start of the year the High Priest in my different Chapters will know what they are going to do for the year. Naturally programs will change but I am trying to get programs that will not conflict with Commandery nights, Blue Lodge nights, Scottish Rite nights. If we can do this I think we have this problem licked and we can give more for our Companions.

Thank you for the privilege of being with you and the courtesies to Mrs. Cross and myself and just being here and telling you a little bit of what I have found. I am sure that the next year the new R.E. Grand Commander will have a good year and I am sure I will work right along with you and we will enjoy it. Thank you.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you, M.E.

Sir Knights, at this time we will have the representative of the Grand Chapter of the State of Rhode Island, M.E. Alfred C. Bateman.

M.E. ALFRED C. BATEMAN: Thank you, Grand Commander, Sir Knights all. I bring you the greetings of our Grand Chapter of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

All that has been said before is true. One thing that we are concentrating on is communications, communications that will get to the last Mason. I find that we have blanks in our areas. One of our difficulties in our setup is I would say in our Grand Chapter we have 400 members of Grand Chapter, and, believe it or not, when we send out a notice only 120 receive the notice. Where are the forgotten men? You must get your information to the last man whether it be Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council or Commandery.

R.E. Sir, I appreciate the courtesies extended to me and to Mrs. Bateman and we have enjoyed ourselves tremendously and we wish for the incoming Grand Commander all the success for himself and his Officers during the coming year. Thank you for the courtesies.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you.

May we have the Report of the Finance Committee?

(The Report of the Finance Committee was read by R.E. Sir Kenneth H. Earle)

R.E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: I will also read the proposed budget for the Educational Foundation.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Boston, Mass., Sept. 17, 1968

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery:

SIR KNIGHTS:

We submit the following budget for this Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island for 1968-1969:

ESTIMATED BUDGET

Grand Encampment Dues 1968	$13,485.00
Conclave	2,750.00
Printing and Postage Meter	2,500.00
Proceedings 1968	1,300.00
Rent	1,800.00
Salaries:	
Grand Recorder	3,900.00
Grand Treasurer	500.00
Secretary	3,900.00
Clerk	4,680.00
Inspections	750.00
Group Meetings	250.00
Triennial Reserve	1,500.00
Bond and Insurance	400.00
Blue Cross-Blue Shield (Fowler)	60.00
Exemplifications	200.00
Grand Commander's Fund	750.00
Promotional and Publicity	2,500.00
Marking Officers	250.00
Withholding and F.I.C.A.	700.00
Jewel Repair	75.00
Audit	300.00
Office Supplies	500.00
Telephone	350.00
Miscellaneous	600.00

Office Furniture and Equipment	3,000.00
Total	$47,000.00

ANTICIPATED INCOME

Grand Commandery—Per Capita—13,485 at $2.00	$26,970.00
Grand Encampment—Per Capita—13,485 at $1.00	13,485.00
Candidates—400 at $7.00	2,800.00
Grand Fund Income	3,500.00
Miscellaneous Income	500.00
	$47,255.00

EDWARD NORRIS
HAROLD A. BUDREAU
KENNETH H. EARLE

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1969—KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Clerk	$ 3,484.00
Secretary	3,900.00
Treasurer	480.00
Part Time Help	200.00
Rent	1,000.00
Bond and Insurance	200.00
Social Security	375.00
Audit	450.00
Board Meetings	75.00
Postage	150.00
Telephone	125.00
Supplies	100.00
Miscellaneous	100.00
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	55.00
Total	$10,694.00

Approved:

EDWARD NORRIS
HAROLD A. BUDREAU
KENNETH H. EARLE

NOTE: The above Budget is subject to the approval of the Grand Encampment Educational Foundation Committee.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Do you move the acceptance of this report?

R.E. SIR KENNETH H. EARLE: I so move both reports. (Motion seconded and voted)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: At this time we will hear from the representatives of our Cryptic Rite. At this

time I would call on R.I. Herbert B. Bliss, Deputy Grand Master and personal representative of M.I. Ernest T. Otto, Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in Massachusetts.

R.I. HERBERT B. BLISS: R.E. Grand Commander, M.W. Grand Master, distinguished guests and Sir Knights. I bring you the warm fraternal greetings of M.I. Ernest T. Otto and the 7,000 odd members of the Cryptic Rite in Massachusetts together with my own personal greetings.

Before I forget it I wish to thank you for the courtesies extended to myself and Mrs. Bliss on this occasion.

The Cryptic Rite of course has similar problems to the rest of you and we are trying our level best to do something about them but I believe that when we get these boys into the Symbolic Lodge after we have put them through their sprouts of the educational program and try to point out to them the things that Masons have done, the things that Masons do and the things that Masons should be doing, we have to follow through and we have to do our level best to keep them interested, to give them something to do, and to keep them there in the Lodge. After they have gone through that and they begin to realize what Masonry is all about and they have some understanding and appreciation of it then I believe they are qualified to go further and to seek further light both along the lines of York Rite Masonry and also Scottish Rite Masonry.

I think one of our chief difficulties is that we let these fellows sort of drift. We don't give them anything to do. We don't keep up their interest. Unfortunately that applies not only in Masonry but it applies in our church and in other organizations of which I am a member and I am afraid it is just a trend of the times.

R.E., it has been a pleasure indeed to have been with you here and represent M.I. Ernest T. Otto. He has two more years of his term. He regretted very much that he could not be with you because of conflicting appointments and I sincerely hope, and I know he does, that in 1969 he will be with you. Thank you very much.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: At this time I will call on M.I. Waldemar R. Israel, Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters in Rhode Island.

M.I. WALDEMAR R. ISRAEL: R.E. Grand Commander, distinguished guests, M.W. Grand Master. I want to thank you for the courtesies extended to myself and Mrs. Israel during my stay here. I bring to you and all the Sir Knights assembled here the greetings of all the Cryptic Rite Masons in the State of Rhode Island. We are working in very close unity with our Grand Chapter to establish York Rite unity and I echo the sentiments of all my predecessors. Thank you.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We will now have a report of the Membership Committee.

(The report of the Membership Committee was read by R.E. Sir G. Burton Long.)

REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

September 17, 1968

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

You have heard the Report of the Grand Recorder and his personal comments regarding it. It is not one in which we can take great pride yet, on the other hand, it does give hope for more concrete progress this year.

This past year due to business reasons our Chairman of Membership found it necessary to resign.

We had embarked on an organized program for membership originating in the Blue Lodge which required a tremendous amount of detail work which was handled through the Grand Commandery office. Even though it was necessary to expend a disaapportionate amount of time and money to get this program started, the year ended with less than 50% cooperation. This is not the time or place to dwell further on this particular subject. Let it suffice to say that those who expended the necessary effort to make a fair trial, were more than pleased with the results. We have

been assured that the first fruits of this venture were most rewarding.

We now have a new Chairman of Membership and in a matter of a few hours will be graced with a new Grand Commander. From conversations held with these two Sir Knights, I am confident they will devote much time and attention toward making further headway with our Membership program.

When we speak of membership, inevitably, we think in terms of increased numbers on our rolls and rightly so. But does each incoming Commander of each Constituent Commandery devote enough thought to the fact that on being installed he is blessed with some 100 to 1,000 Sir Knights under his command. This is a gift from those that preceded him. It then becomes his duty not only to make an intelligent effort to increase his membership through new knightings but also to retain those whom he has through the efforts of others. This year we had 252 demits and suspensions divided among our fifty Commanderies which is slightly over 5 to each Commandery.

Why this needless loss each year? For the most part I believe that these valued Sir Knights are in no small part victims of an obligation to pay yearly dues and in far too many instances receive nothing in return for their money.

Each Commander should make a concerted effort to give each Sir Knight under his command something for his dues. On those nights on which there is no work a program of interest should be featured to bring out the membership to enjoy an evening each month of knightly companionship. If you but maintain the interest of your members, you will be rewarded by their continued willingness to remain a Knight Templar.

Although much more could be written, let it suffice to say that this thought will be further developed during the ensuing year.

In the meantime keep in mind that there is no mystical road to Templar success. It is all based on individual in-

telligence and work. Good old fashioned hard work will succeed above all else.

Respectfully submitted,

G. BURTON LONG
For the Membership Committee

R.E. SIR G. BURTON LONG: I move acceptance of the report and that it be spread upon the records. (Motion seconded and voted)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: May we have a report from the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

R.E. SIR ALFRED C. BLAKE: R.E. Grand Commander, there has been no business brought before this Committee during this past year. Therefore, there is nothing to report except progress.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you.

E. SIR JACK R. BAKER: R.E. Sir, I move the report be accepted. (Motion seconded and voted)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, it is my pleasure to call on one who represents the Scottish Rite Brethren, Ill. Herbert H. Jaynes, 33°, personal representative of Ill. Laurence E. Eaton, 33°, Deputy for Massachusetts Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of the Northern Jurisdiction.

ILL. HERBERT H. JAYNES: R.E. Grand Commander, M.W. Grand Masters, distinguished guests and fraters all. I am delighted, honored, to be the representative for the moment of the Deputy for Massachusetts and thus to be permitted to sit with you during your Annual Conclave. I am representing Ill. Laurence E. Eaton only because he is on his way to Atlantic City along with the other two Actives, and because these men are out of town and because the Deputy for Massachusetts was very anxious that he be represented here I am here with you.

R.E. Grand Commander, he wants me to extend to you and to the members of the Grand Commandery his cordial greetings. I think that, Brethren, the feeling of unity that

York Rite extends, to Scottish Rite and that which I assure you is extended by Scottish Rite to York Rite Masonry in this district is something to be prized by both Bodies.

Brethren, Grand Lodge represented here by our leaders, Scottish Rite, York Rite, all have their problems of membership. We have heard of that and certainly I shall not dwell upon it except to say that that small fraction of our great total strength that has gone out into the world, demitted and sometimes dismissed, challenges us I believe that we, the strong core of all the Masonry of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, that we go out into the world showing a reflection of the tenets of our profession as York Rite and Scottish Rite Masons and leave our impress on those who are profane, as we term it, and then we shall find that they will want to join us, those to whom we are appealing. Then too we will have proven our right to exist for it is only by our reflection of our Masonic principles upon the community that we find that which we are doing is worthwhile.

R.E. Grand Commander, I shall see the Deputy from Massachusetts within a few days. It will be a pleasure to report to him of the nature of your meeting. Thank you.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you, Ill. Herbert. At this time I am going to call on one I think is an Active for the State of Rhode Island, Ill. Albert P. Ruerat, 33° Active and Grand Master of De Molay.

ILL. ALBERT P. RUERAT: Thank you very much.

R.E. Grand Commander, M.W. Grand Masters, Representatives of the Grand Encampment, and to all you Sir Knights. I want to share one or two very, very brief experiences with you this morning because I am not going to be as pessimistic as my predecessors and I think the reason I am not going to be as pessimistic is because I represent a youthful organization, an organization which I think each and everyone of you will agree is the very foundation and very hope, the very answer to the problems that you have been speaking of this morning.

I speak of these statistics not for bragging purposes but simply to give you an idea of the scope of DeMolay, the in-

terest that is manifested in this youth organization and a brief report of the results of the past five months as its titular head. Since May 15 the Grand Master of DeMolay has traveled 28,000 miles in thirty-two States and three Canadian Provinces. In that period of time it has been his very, very great privilege to meet with over 8,000 DeMolay boys with thousands of Advisors, men such as yourselves, and many of our Masonic Grand Bodies.

I take this moment as an opportunity, R.E. Grand Commander, to tell you that the Order of DeMolay has never in its forty-nine years of life been held in any greater esteem than it is at this very moment. The cementing of Masonic support and relationship is tremendous but with this high esteem I must confess goes a great responsibility, a great responsibility on the part of its leadership to not only maintain the type of program that challenge the majority and induce a spirit of evangelism but it is a responsibility that requires on the part of every Master Mason to create an image for the young people to hold to a high level.

Along with this high esteem is also a great responsibility that falls on the shoulders of our DeMolay members for they are the grass roots ambassadors. They are the ones who go out and bring in the young men who are the future members of the DeMolay Chapters and it is their image, their conduct, their ability to become innoculated with the character building principles of this youth organization that makes for finer boys and finer men.

I wish I could say to you this morning that of the 165,000 members of DeMolay that all of them would become Master Masons, would become members of the York or Scottish Rite Bodies or both. I wish I could say that each and everyone of them would someday become leaders of those particular Bodies. I can't say that but this I can say, that among those men we don't have the long haired beatniks or the hippies. Among these young men we have respectors of parental authority. Among these young men we have respectors and devoted sons of devoted parents. Among these young men we have the men who believe in Christian principles and the spirit of religious ideals. These are the

young men whom we are training, we hope, to become the future leaders, civically, businesswise, and we hope in a sense in our fraternity.

I think we have a right to expect that every single thinking Master Mason gives serious consideration to his responsibility as an individual to support this great organization. I want to report to you also that in these five months I have had an opportunity to feel the pulse of these young people and I am going to tell you without fear of contradiction that this country of ours is not going to the dogs because our young people aren't prepared to receive or accept the responsibilities that lie before them. You can be justly proud that we have such an organization.

Thank you for your support and I hope continuing support. Thank you, R.E. Sir, for your courtesies and to your incoming Officers may I wish them every success. Thank you.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, we will now have the report of the Printing Committee.

REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE

September 17, 1968

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

SIR KNIGHTS:

Through the budget item of Printing we have an excellent medium by which we can keep the interested Sir Knights of our Jurisdiction posted on Templar activities. I refer to the "Templar" printed each month by your Grand Commandery primarily for the Offices of the Constituent Commanderies.

This year we made it available to all Sir Knights in Massachusetts and Rhode Island for the modest sum of $1.00 for the year.

Each issue is some six to eight pages and gives detailed information as to the Grand Commandery programs, forthcoming events and dates of interest to the Sir Knights,

membership and Knight Templar Eye Foundation programs and accomplishment tables as well as other items of Templar interest.

We have been highly honored to have many articles and news items taken from this publication and published by the Grand Encampment throughout the year.

We were also astounded by the response of the Sir Knights who have subscribed to our Templar. We have made no drive to sell it. We do, however, want to let you know that it is available to you. Should you desire to subscribe, give your name and address, zip code number and one dollar to the Grand Recorder while you are here or mail it in to the Grand Commandery office. I'm sure you will receive far more than the slight cost involved.

Courteously submitted,

GORDON C. PLAYER, *Chairman*

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to accept the Report of the Printing Committee and print same in the Annual Proceedings.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: At this time I am going to call on a representative of the R.E. Grand Commanders with the Red Cords to speak for them. Whom did you elect?

R.E. SIR RALPH L. KALP: R.E. Sir, I will be very glad to speak for them.

R.E. Grand Commander, distinguished guests. It is always a pleasure to come to Massachusetts. We always have a good time and I want to express our sincere appreciation for the generosity and the good time. We hope that the incoming Officers will have a very successful year. I know you did.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Do we have the report from the Committee on Inspections and Tactics? Burt, do we have anyone present?

E. SIR THOMAS C. BROWN: R.E. Grand Commander, there is no report from the Committee as no meetings

were held. They were not held because we were not requested to rule on any change of tactics.

R.E. SIR G. BURTON LONG: I move the report be accepted and spread upon the records. (Motion seconded and voted)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Now may we have the Report of the Inspector Instructor?

R.E. SIR G. BURTON LONG: R.E. Grand Commander, I believe the Inspector Instructor is sailing down the Mississippi.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: At this time we will have the presentation of citations.

Sir Knights, at this time we are going to make a presentation of a Knight Templar Cross of Honor, an award that is made to only one Sir Knight in each year and not necessarily so that we have to award one. But this year we have chosen a Sir Knight who we think has fulfilled his duties as a Mason and as a Knight Templar. I would like to read the citation at this time.

"Grand Encampment of Knights Templar, United States of America. Certificate of Award. To all whom these presence may concern, greetings. This is to certify that Sir Knight Chester Leo Crawford, a member of Cyprus Commandery No. 39 Knight Templar, Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island, has been awarded the Knight Templar Cross of Honor in recognition of his exemplary, meritorious service to the Order of Templary far beyond the call of duty and the service usually expected of an Officer or member as follows."

"An exemplary Christian he visits the sick and needy, serves his church, his Masonry, his community and his nation with unweary zeal and ability. Truly a magnanimous Mason he is a joy and credit to Templary."

"In which we have subscribed our signatures and caused the seal of the Grand Encampment to be affixed this 30th day of June, 1968. R.E. Sir Paul C. Rodenhauser, Grand Recorder. M.E. Sir John L. Crofts, Sr., Grand Master."

Sir Knight Grand Captain of the Guard, will you present E. Sir Chester Crawford to the East.

E. SIR ROBERT M. MacKENZIE: R.E. Grand Commander, I have the honor to present Sir Knight Chester Crawford, E. Past Commander of Cyprus Commandery and presently Recorder of that Commandery.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you.

Come up here, Chester, and turn around so the Sir Knights can see you.

Sir Knights, this is the man whom I just read about and all these things are true and I think more too. This man has done much for Masonry and Templary especially. This year he has done a wonderful job out in Hyde Park in all branches of Masonry. It is a great pleasure for me to pin on his breast this Knight Templar Cross of Honor.

Chester, I present you this citation suitably inscribed. Would you like to say a few words

E. SIR CHESTER L. CRAWFORD: R.E. Grand Commander, I cannot adequately express my thoughts at this time but I do want to assure you that I will continue in the future to continue to work to the best of my ability for the advancement of Templary.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you, E. Sir Chester.

Sir Knights, this was supposed to be a surprise but the publishers of our Templar magazine are so far ahead of us that they published this in the Templar that came out a couple of weeks ago so I imagine Chester knew about it.

R.E. SIR G. BURTON LONG: Will the representatives of the following Commanderies come to the East: Washington No. 4, Old Colony No. 15, Bethany No. 17, Godfrey de Bouillon No. 25, Bristol No. 29, Cyprus No. 39, Temple No. 48.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Will you Sir Knights turn around so the boys will see you, you who have Knighted your membership quota.

To you Sir Knights I want to offer my congratulations and thank you sincerely for the work that you have done in the promotion of Templary this year. Thank you very much.

R.E. SIR G. BURTON LONG: The next presentations are for those of our Commanderies who have made ten per cent or more of their membership as Life Sponsors in our Knight Templar Eye Foundation: DeMolay No. 7, Pilgrim No. 9, Calvary No. 13, Old Colony No. 15, Bethany No. 17, Godfrey de Bouillon No. 25, Joseph Warren No. 26, Cambridge No. 42, Orange No. 45, Quincy No. 47, St. Andrews No. 49.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: To you Sir Knights we are deeply indebted and I am sure the Grand Encampment will thank you very much for this wonderful job that you are doing in promoting the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. Now that you have gone over the ten per cent mark please don't quit because we have many more applications for service, people who need their eyes taken care of, and they are just waiting for money. Please keep on the ball this year and let's get up to twenty per cent in the coming year. Thank you very much.

R.E. SIR G. BURTON LONG: R.E. Grand Commander, I wish to make an announcement that these were issued as of June 30 of this year, the close of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation year. Since that time Bristol No. 29 has given you one application which puts them over 10%, the first one for the year, the ensuing year. This was done while you were still Grand Commander.

There is one further presentation. This is the sword of Everett G. Benton, a Past Grand Commander in the year 1920-21. It was donated by his wife to us. It has a tremendous background of inspiration. There were then forty-eight Commanderies in the Grand Jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and in his year R.E. Benton Knighted 1,715 candidates and our Grand Commandery rose to the level of 21,542. This in itself deserves to be looked into.

At this time the M.E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment was S.K. Joseph Keeler who was invited by Sir

Knight Benton to attend a Semi-Annual Conclave in Providence, Rhode Island. This was on May 20, 1921. If you go back in your minds in those days the travel was a little more difficult than it is today. They had no superhighways. The automobiles weren't exactly what they are today yet in a parade held in Providence, Rhode Island—I want every Sir Knight to listen to this—the line of march was two miles long and it took one hour and forty minutes for that line of march to pass a given point and the Sir Knights were lined up six abreast. This was individual attention to the obligation of a Sir Knight and Templary. I don't know when we have had anything like that in recent years. Carry that thought with you, one hour and forty minutes, six abreast, to pass a given point. This was the spirit of Templary. This was the spirit of Masonry. It was a short thirty-eight years ago.

Then there was one final point that I think is left unexpressed. This sword becomes the property of the Grand Commandery and it is requested that each Grand Commander wear it at the Annual Conclave. I think this will be no problem if the Grand Recorder will remember to bring it because there has been at least one instance where the Grand Commander coming to the Conclave required a sword.

Thus I present this sword to you from Mrs. Benton.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you R.E. Grand Recorder. I wish you will convey the thanks of the Grand Commandery to Mrs. Benton and tell her that the succeeding Grand Commanders, I am sure, will wear this at their annual session with great pride in memory of her husband who did so much for Templary. Thank you.

Sir Knights, at this time we will recess for a few minutes but please don't leave because we are about to call in Sir Knight Wayne Soucey.

Sir Knight Wayne, will you approach the East.

E. SIR WAYNE SOUCEY: R.E. Grand Commander, I thank you for the indulgence of this august body and I would like to present to you Mr. David Strickland whom the

Student Foundation has found to be the recipient of the award of the Presiding Council Student Foundation for this year. I am going to present you the check that you may make the presentation.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: David, will you just turn around so that all the Sir Knights can get a look at you.

Sir Knights, we are about to make a presentation of a check for $150 which has been set up by this Student Committee to help further the education of some worthy religious student. Today Sir Knight Wayne, E. Sir Frankland Miles and their Committee, have brought to us David Strickland.

It is a great pleasure for me, David, on behalf of the Sir Knights to present you this check to help further your education in the ministry. We are thankful for what you are doing in the career you have chosen. Thank you very much.

Would you like to say a few words?

MR. DAVID STRICKLAND: Thank you, gentlemen, for giving me this money. Thank you for your interest and concern in the problems of the world which aren't just material ones but spiritual. Jesus once said that the person who helped a prophet would receive a prophet's award. I trust that since I have received some call from the Lord that we might share also the blessing he has given me in your relationship to God and through Jesus Christ Who strengthens us and counsels us that you too will serve the Lord. Thank you.

E. SIR WAYNE SOUCEY: R.E. Grand Commander, I want to thank you again for allowing us to do this at this time. I want to say to the Sir Knights that there will be a short meeting after the installation for the Scholarship Foundation for the purpose of collecting the money you fellows have in your pockets to help us put this over.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: E. Sir Wayne, we should thank you and your Committee for what you are doing. This is wonderful and a part of our Annual Conclave. I

hope in years to come that you will help more students and probably with a larger check. Thank you.

We reconvene at this time. Sir Knights, may we have a report of the Knights Templar Promotional Committee. That is the Eye Foundation.

(The report of the Eye Foundation Promotional Committee by E. Sir Chester E. Oldmixon.)

REPORT OF THE KNIGHTS TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION, INC., PROMOTIONAL COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of the Grand Commandery:

SIR KNIGHTS:

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., Promotional Committee, with the exception of one member, have all served for three years. This meant we did not have to wait for an organizational meeting to start our work for 1967-1968. Each member was well aware of our goal and the work involved to attain it. I might add, this committee does not cease operation during the summer months.

In September, 1967, we had 1,140 Life Sponsors. In April, 1968, the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island reached its goal of 10 per cent of its total membership as Life Sponsors of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

Every Sir Knight who became a Life Sponsor should be proud of himself and the honor of belonging to an organization that puts so much time, money and effort into helping those who are in darkness, to help children who have been cursed with "cross eyes" to face their friends without the cruel taunts of other children and to help them become good students through unimpaired eye sight. Yes, Sir Knights, you can be justly proud to be a Knight Templar.

The Statistics for this year are as follows:

Life Sponsors	1,515	$45,450.00
Patrons:		
Commanderies	45	5,750.00
Individuals, Sir Knights and Allied Groups	29	3,800.00

Associate Patrons	14	702.00
Total Paid by Assessments		12,198.00
		$67,900.00
Wills and Bequests		$ 8,500.00

At this time, we have six commanderies with 20 per cent and 21 commanderies with 10 per cent of their total membership as Life Sponsors of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.

The Knights Templar Eye Foundation film was used three times this year. I know it helped gain Life Sponsors. This film is available to every commandery or any organization that requests its use to perpetuate the work of the Knights Templar Eye Foundation.

I wish to thank each and every member of this committee for the many hours worked and miles traveled to bring this jurisdiction up to its 10 per cent goal and on its way to 20 percent of its entire membership as Life Sponsors.

This is my last report as chairman of this committee. I believe it is time we had some new ideas and thoughts to perpetuate this great humanitarian charity. These last three years as chairman of this committee have been most gratifying. It is in this position that you see the number of Life Sponsors grow and read the letters from those whom we have helped from "darkness unto light." This is, indeed, God's work. Please, Sir Knights, do not relax in your quest for Life Sponsors, for without them this work cannot be accomplished.

I want to congratulate my successor, Em. Sir Frank G. Holt, Jr., Past Commander of Haverhill Commandery No. 14. Em. Sir, from your past performance on this committee, I know you will move this jurisdiction on to its 20 per cent goal. I wish you a successful term and pledge you my support.

Respectfully submitted,

CHESTER E. OLDMIXON, *Chairman*

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to accept the above report and print same in the Annual Proceedings.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: We will now hear the Report of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation Committee.

REPORT OF THE KNIGHT TEMPLAR EYE FOUNDATION COMMITTEE

September 17, 1968

Grand Commandery of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

SIR KNIGHTS:

The Committee on Eye Foundation has processed eight cases for medical treatment of eye conditions during the past year. This is a very low number for the jurisdiction of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. As was stated last year by the chairman of this committee medical treatment is thoroughly covered in Massachusetts and Rhode Island by Medicaid, Medicare, Aid to Dependent Children, General Public Assistance, Aid to the Disabled and Old Age Assistance. In view of the fact that more extensive coverage is going to be had under the bill "Title 19" it is felt that our endeavors should be directed toward research rather than treatment, in this jurisdiction.

Our wonderful gains in financing have been previously reported by the Committee on Knight Templar Eye Foundation Promotion.

Respectfully submitted,

S. W. SPOONER, *Chairman*

Upon motion duly made and seconded it was voted to accept the above report and print same in the Proceedings.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, at this time it gives me great pleasure to present to you R.E. Sir Frank L. Bourke, Department Commander of the North Atlantic Department of the Grand Encampment of the United States of America. R.E. Sir Frank.

R.E. SIR FRANK L. BOURKE: R.E. Grand Commander, M.W. Grand Masters, R.E. Grand Generalissimo, other distinguished guests and Sir Knights all. I am very

happy and privileged to bring you the cordial and fraternal greetings of the Great North Atlantic Department with its ten Grand Jurisdictions and some 75,000 Sir Knights. I was very proud also to have nine of the ten heads of the most distinguished, most chivalrous and most capable Grand Commanders here this morning, some of whom have retreated I guess in the advance of time. Only the Grand Commander of Pennsylvania, who travels in another orbit, was not here.

Our ten Grand Jurisdictions from this No. 1 through the largest, Pennsylvania, with its 89 Commanderies and 25,000 Sir Knights, have their strengths and weaknesses and characteristics. But with the discussion this morning relative to losses in membership I am very proud and happy to recognize two black sheep, Dr. Alton Billmeier, R.E. Grand Commander of the Free State of Maryland, with Frank Smith, Past Grand Commander, who have had a net annual gain for the past eight years.

To the R.E. Grand Commander I wish to express my appreciation for your very fine hospitality and your many courtesies. I commend you on the direction of your move out of Boston because the closer you get to that part of Massachusetts which was once known as the Province of Maine the better for fellows like myself.

To the incoming Grand Commander, Norm Staveley, I would like to suggest to you that I retired as of September 1 to assume a full-time maintenance job at 27 Alpine Road in Portland. I am under a very strict schedule which I will be very happy to have you interrupt anytime during your year with an invitation. My wife is a very firm taskmaster and I will be very happy to get away from my maintenance duties. Thank you.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, it becomes my pleasure now to present to you the Grand Representative of Sir Knight John Lawton Crofts, Sr., M.E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment Knights Templar of the United States of America, Sir Knight Roy W. Riegle, his personal representative and our Inspector Officer.

R.E. SIR ROY A. RIEGLE: R.E. Grand Commander, M.W. Grand Masters, R.E. Department Commander, Sir Knights, and the great Grand Master of the International Order of DeMolay. I am very happy to be here in this great State of Massachusetts.

I come here as the representative of our Grand Master, John L. Crofts, who is a most sincere, earnest and conscientious Grand Master. He is working towards every possible end to make Templary succeed in every community within this United States. I am happy to be associated with John L. Crofts, our M.E. Grand Master. I bring to you his cordial greetings. In his letter to me he said, "Give all of the Sir Knights of Massachusetts and Rhode Island and those who are there from other States my most cordial greetings."

I have been delighted here this morning just sitting here resting, as it were, listening to the various speeches and remarks and seeing you perform. You presented things here that mean so much to the recipient, the Knight Templar Cross of Honor to a Sir Knight who perhaps has not received the honors that perhaps you and I have received but he has been spending his energy and his time and devotion to Templary and to Masonry. That is the purpose of the Knight Templar Cross of Honor.

I congratulate your Grand Commandery for its great success in having over ten per cent of its entire membership as life sponsors, 1515 I believe. Six Commanderies have over twenty per cent. Twenty Commanderies, if I remember, have over ten per cent. I assure you, Sir Knights, that every cent that is paid into a Life Sponsorship or a Patron or an Associate Patron is going into the permanent endowment fund. I looked at the figures the other day and we lack only $7,000 of having $1 million dollars in the permanent endowment fund. Each Sir Knight who buys a life sponsorship will, long after his death, be helping in the great cause of saving eyesight, improving eyesight, helping those who cannot help themselves to enjoy the beauties of the world. Someday that permanent endowment fund will be $5 million dollars and we will gladly assume a side by side position with the Shrine that is helping crippled chil-

dren because the Eye Foundation is becoming one of the great humanitarian projects in the United States of America. I congratulate you sincerely for the great work you are doing here in this Eye Foundation.

Before I forget I want to thank you sincerely for the many courtesies you have extended to my wife, Mrs. Riegle, I want to thank you sincerely for all the courtesies extended to us.

I want to compliment your Grand Recorder. He made a magnificent speech this morning, an inspiring talk, when he presented that sword. What a history that sword has. Over a thousand gain in membership. It tells a great story. It really tells the story of Templary. And that parade in Providence, Rhode Island, Burt, I was happy to listen to you this morning and hear you tell about the history of Sir Knight Benton and his accomplishments during his year as Grand Commander.

You have a great Grand Recorder here who is well esteemed and regarded by the Grand Encampment. We receive a copy of the letters from a Grand Recorder. Every letter he writes we get a copy of it. Our files fill up rapidly with the copies. I glance over all of them and I know that your Grand Recorder has been to Chicago and he has gone through that office and he has been taken on a tour through the Grand Recorder's office. I see the letters written about him and they are all good. I congratulate you, Burt, on taking the time to go out to Chicago and get acquainted with the Grand Recorder's office.

Now I could talk longer but I realize it is dinner time and I just want to say that I appreciate being here. I thank you for all your courtesies.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, we will take up the old business at this time. First on the agenda, proposed amendment to the Grand Commandery Constitution, to strike out Article VII, Section 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island which reads:

"The first four of the above officers and the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder shall be elected. The remaining officers, the Grand Prelate, a Grand Sentinel, Division Commanders and an Inspector Instructor, shall be appointed by the Grand Commander."

and rephrase Article VII, Section 2, to read:

"The first four of the above officers and the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recorder shall be elected, and the remaining officers, together with a Grand Sentinel, Inspector Instructor and Division Commanders shall be appointed by the Grand Commander. The Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Standard Bearer, Grand Sword Bearer, and Grand Captain of the Guard shall hold office only for the duration of the conclave at which each was appointed, and no appointee shall be successively appointed to or successively hold any one or more of each appointive offices except that of the Grand Sentinel, Grand Prelate and Inspector Instructor."

E. SIR JACK R. BAKER: So moved. (Motion seconded)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, it has been moved and seconded for the adoption of this proposal. Any discussion?

R.E. SIR GEORGE C. PATTON, JR.: R.E. Grand Commander, I have some discussion with reference to this Section. I believe it is tying the hands of the incoming Grand Commander in an arbitrary manner against the Regulations of the Grand Encampment which gives the Grand Commander the prerogative of making such appointments as he desires. We are trying and have tried very hard to shorten the Grand Commandery line. I think we are defeating our purpose with the adoption of this amendment.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Is there any further discussion either for or against this?

A SIR KNIGHT: R.E. Grand Commander, I would like to have a little information on just what is meant by two items here. One, they will hold office only during the Con-

clave at which they were appointed and no appointee shall be successively appointed to or successively hold any one or more of each appointive offices. On the first point, does that mean at the end of this Conclave they are out of office?

THE GRAND COMMANDER: No, for a year.

A SIR KNIGHT: It doesn't say that. It says for the Conclave. Furthermore, does it mean a Junior Warden can no longer become a Senior Warden?

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Correct.

A SIR KNIGHT: I can't see anything wrong with our present system.

R.E. SIR GEORGE C. PATTON, JR.: R.E. Grand Commander, has our Jurisprudence Committee approved this amendment?

THE GRAND COMMANDER: May I read to you a decision handed us by the Jurisprudence Committee.

"After consideration it is the unanimous opinion of the four members of the Committee now present in the Jurisdiction, one being away at some distance on an extended vacation, that the provisions of the proposed amendment in its present form would become effective immediately upon adoption and in substance would prevent the appointment at the 1968 Annual Conclave of any appointee who had held one of the offices designated during the previous year. However, since the question may become material in a proposed amendment by the Grand Commandery it was a unanimous opinion of the four members of the Committee on Jurisprudence that an amendment to the proposed amendment providing that the provisions of the amendment if adopted be effective as of some specific time in the future, such as the 1969 Annual Conclave, would be germain to the subject and in order for consideration by the Grand Commandery if proposed in accordance with its Constitution. Respectfully and courteously submitted, Winslow A. Robbins, Whitfield W. Johnson, Frankland W. L. Miles, Eugene P. Carver, Jr." who reported on this.

E. SIR HAROLD A. BUDREAU: R.E. Grand Commander, wouldn't it help if somebody explained the reason why you want to make the change?

V.E. SIR NORMAN L. STAVELEY: Let me first state to you, Sir Knights, that the proposers of this By-law change have the interest of Grand Commandery and Templary at heart. We are not trying any gimmick, so to speak. It has been stated in the past they have tried to shorten up the Grand Commandery line so that we could get men of caliber that were willing to spend three or four years in line as opposed to spending eight years in line. This is fundamentally what we are trying to accomplish.

It has been in the past that the so called Masonic ladder has made it almost impossible for what we sometimes term as good men to not be able to serve through the line. This is what we are trying to eliminate. The fact that the Sir Knight thus appointed for a year not being able to serve through this Masonic ladder is the gist of this subject.

The procedure, as we have decided to try, would be to make it so that according to the way they do it in Grand Encampment would be that the stations or the titles of Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden and so forth would be appointed at or just prior to the Grand Conclave so that the stations of the Grand Commandery would be filled for the Grand Conclave and at the end of the Conclave the station is then vacant until the next Grand Conclave which is customary to Grand Encampment.

The manner in which we had decided to fill these stations of the Grand Commandery was this. Each of these appointed Officers, with the exception of the Grand Sentinel, the Prelate, Grand Warder and the Inspector Instructor, would be that they would be appointed as Division Commanders all bearing an equal rank. This was so that during the course of the year the Grand Council Officers could observe the functions and the interest of these Division Commanders and if I preside this afternoon they will be requested to make a monthly report to the Grand Commandery office as to what they have accomplished, what they have attempted, and what they have done as far as presiding

over their Divisions. These reports would be confined to a file in the Grand Office under their name and at the end of the year or at the end of the Templar year they would be reviewed by the Grand Council of this Grand Commandery and the person with the most, what shall I say, the fellow who has earned, shall we say, the merit of accomplishment he could then be appointed as Grand Senior Warden, and project downward according to their merits Grand Junior Warden, Sword Bearer and so forth.

This is more or less trying to instill on an incentive basis for doing the work of a Grand Officer. The one who produced the most gets the most reward thereby being appointed to Grand Senior Warden.

Then it could be a recommendation to the Nominating Committee that this fellow who has been appointed as Grand Senior Warden we found to be the most capable to handle the business of your Grand Commandery, not dictating to the Nominating Committee but merely a suggestion so that they could investigate on their own and find out if we are correct or not correct.

Now, Sir Knights, we have been trying for a number of years as I have progressed through the line to find out some of the whys and wherefores of where we are failing in Grand Commandery and the Grand Commandery line. We attempted, or our R.E. Grand Recorder back in his term started something going that did not mature. So we have come up with this suggestion to be presented to you as a By-law change that we feel will enhance the ability of the Grand Commandery ruling body, which is generally your Grand Council. It will make it so that a fellow, a good capable man, will not have to spend eight years or nine years in Grand Commandery line. He can prove himself and go right on into Grand Commandery Council thereby assuring you fellows of the most capable ruling body that we can find at any particular time to rule your Grand Commander.

If you fellows don't feel that this is going to be a step forward I wish you would vote it down but if you want progress in your Grand Commandery so that your Grand

Commandery Officers will be the best we can obtain then I say vote for it and your sponsors will accept your opinion.

Before I sit down it was brought to my attention the fact that there was an oversight in the preparation of this and according to our Jurisprudence Committee I would like to offer an amendment to clear up one point that has been quite widely spoken of and that is as far as the effective date. The amendment would read:

"This By-law change if adopted to become effective as of the Annual Grand Conclave of 1969."

Now I hope, Sir Knights, that you will consider it very, very seriously and adopt the amendment and then adopt the By-law change. Thank you.

R.E. SIR ALFRED BLAKE: R.E. Grand Commander, I am not rising to second the amendment of the principal motion. I am merely rising for a point of information. I read this thing a good many times and with all respect to the people who drafted this resolution I am now speaking about the principal amendment. I am frank to say I don't understand it and I think I can read a paragraph with reasonable comprehension.

Now I am just asking for information but as I read this thing if you have somebody who is ambitious and who is potentially well qualified to go through the line and become Grand Commander he can serve one year, period. As I read this thing he has got to wait indefinitely until such time as he chooses to run for the office of Captain General. Now if you can give me any other interpretation to this thing the way it is worded I wish somebody would because I cannot follow it.

I have some more questions too I might add. Now I don't care who answers this but I would like an explanation from somebody.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: R.E. Sir, not being a lawyer but probably somebody can help me. It was our intent and it still is our intent that a man who serves one year as a Division Commander then becomes eligible to run for Captain General.

mandery seven dollars for every Knight receiving the Order of the Temple and two dollars plus the amount of Per Capita dues assessed by the Grand Encampment for every member returned and from the sum thus collected shall be paid the Per Capita for every member levied by the Grand Encampment. A Commandery failing to make said annual return on or before the first day of August shall pay a penalty of twenty-five dollars. Payment of the foregoing amounts shall be made in three installments as follows: fifty (50) per cent on or before the thirty-first day of December, twenty-five (25) per cent on or before the thirtieth day of April and the balance on or before the first day of August, the first two installments to be estimated upon the official return of membership for the preceding year and third installment computed on the official return of membership to and including the thirtieth day of June preceding such first day of August.

Now I hope I have made it clear that we have not asked for more money. We have merely asked that we change our existing manner of paying to three installments so that this Grand Commandery can operate smoothly month by month as far as finances are concerned.

It is also recommended and requested that at the earliest date possible a Special Conclave of the Grand Commandery be held to vote upon this.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, is there any further new business to be brought before this Grand Conclave?

E. Sir Al Remington has a couple of things to bring before the Sir Knights.

E. SIR AL REMINGTON: I would like to call your attention to the flyers concerning next year's Grand Commander's Ball, you will find all the details on the flyers. Please read it, publicize it and support it. I would also like to remind you that the Annual Meeting of the Presiding Councils Club to be held on Saturday afternoon at the King Philip at Lake Pearl in Wrentham.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you, E. Sir.

Sir Knights, I would like to announce that the Past Commanders Association meeting will be held down in the Hilton Room in the motel section but the dinner will be held here in the New England Room at seven o'clock.

It is a great pleasure for me at this time to present to you our Senior Sir Knight of this Jurisdiction and that is E. Sir Frank LaValle who will be ninety-four years old in October. Would you stand up and be recognized.

E. SIR FRANK LaVALLE: Thank you, everybody. I am glad to be here and enjoying the session.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: E. Sir Grand Warder, will you present yourself to the East.

E. Sir Jim, it has been a great pleasure and a privilege to have had you as my Warder over these many years.

A very dependable guy is this man Jim who has always been ready to travel to any part of this Jurisdiction of ours and we have had many pleasant hours together as we have traveled the many miles which are necessary to handle this job.

I want to thank you again, Jim, very sincerely for all you have done for me and it has been my pleasure to have you as my Grand Warder.

E. SIR JAMES P. McCORMACK: Gordon, I want to thank you for this honor. If it hadn't been for you I would not have been here. You yourself know many days we spent more hours together than we did with our families. Thank you.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you and here are your shoulder boards.

R.E. SIR G. BURTON LONG: I have a motion I would like to make. As your last duty before retiring from office I move you, Sir, that all of the acts of the Officers and Committees of this Grand Commandery, including those of the Special Conclave held at Newburyport April 6, 1968, be approved. (Motion seconded and voted)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, I would like a Report from the Nominating Committee.

R.E. SIR MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER:

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of this Grand Commandery K.T. of Massachusetts and Rhode Island:

SIR KNIGHTS:

Your Nominating Committee submits the following Report and Recommendations for the year 1968-1969:

R.E. Grand Commander.....V.E. Sir Norman L. Staveley
V.E. Deputy Grand Commander..E. Sir Jack Richard Baker
Grand Generalissimo.....E. Sir Elmer H. Palmer
Grand Captain General.....E. Sir James C. Sirios
Grand Treasurer.....R.E. Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.
Grand Recorder.....R.E. Sir G. Burton Long
Trustee of the Grand Fund.....E. Sir Harold P. Trefethen
(for 3 years)

Courteously submitted,

MORTIMER W. SCHROEDER
RAYMOND D. DOUGLASS
GEORGE C. PATTON, JR.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, at this time I would entertain a motion to accept this slate of Officers as proposed—

A SIR KNIGHT: R.E. Grand Commander, I move we accept the report as read and the nominations be closed and the Grand Recorder cast one ballot. (Motion seconded)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: It has been moved and seconded that this slate of Officers as proposed by the Nominating Committee be accepted as read. All those in favor of the slate of Officers as proposed by the Nominating Committee: Grand Commander, V.E. Sir Norman L. Staveley; Deputy Grand Commander, E. Sir Jack R. Baker; Grand Generalissimo, E. Sir Elmer H. Palmer; Grand Captain General, E. Sir James C. Sirios; Grand Treasurer, R.E.

Sir Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.; Grand Recorder, R.E. Sir G. Burton Long; Trustee of the Grand Fund, E. Sir Harold P. Trefethen.

Now, Sir Knights, you are about to cast your ballot on that slate of Officers. All those in favor signify in the usual manner. All those opposed. Voted unanimously.

Sir Knights, attention'

(Grand Commander Elect Norman L. Staveley was escorted into the Asylum.)

THE GRAND COMMANDER: V.E. Sir Staveley, you have arrived at the time and place where you have been elected Grand Commander of this Grand Commandery. We would like to know if you accept.

V.E. SIR NORMAN L. STAVELEY: R.E. Grand Commander and Sir Knights, I very, very gratefully accept this election and I promise to do my utmost to further Templary in this Grand Jurisdiction. Thank you.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knight be seated. R.E. Sir Dwight C. Page was escorted to East, by the Captain of the Guard for the Installation of Officers.

R.E. SIR DWIGHT C. PAGE: Will the Officers, chosen, both elected and appointed, assemble here in the East.

EM. SIR JOHN F. MITCHELL: R.E. Grand Commander, the duly chosen officers of this Grand Commandery are ready to be installed for the coming year.

(Following Prayer by the Associate Grand Prelate, S.K. Joseph E. Staveley, the oath of office was administered by R.E. Sir Dwight C. Page. The Officers duly installed.)

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E. Sir Saunders W. Spooner, No. 13

K. T. Eye Foundation Promotional

E. Sir Frank G. Holt, Jr., *Chairman*, No. 14, 88 Main St., Groveland, Mass. 01834
E. Sir Philip W. Russell, No. 7
E. Sir John E. Ewart, No. 13
E. Sir Frank G. Holt, 3rd, No. 14
E. Sir Karl O. Lepisto, No. 22
E. Sir John M. Tassey, No. 33
E. Sir George H. Andrews, No. 34
E. Sir Chester L. Crawford, No. 39
E. Sir Albert A. Remington, 3rd, No. 51

K. T. Eye Foundation
Special Activities

R. E. Sir George C. Patton, Jr., No. 20

York Rite Promotional
and Membership

R. E. Sir G. Burton Long, No. 50, *General Chairman and Director Co-ordinator*
M. E. and Sir Kt. Charles A. Cross, No. 5, *Grand High Priest*
Most. Ill. and Sir Kt. Ernest T. Otto, No. 30, *Grand Master of the Grand Council of Mass.*
E. Sir Archie M. Simons, No. 36, *Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mass.*
E. Sir C. Leigh Kingsford, No. 13 *Co-Chairman of R. I.*

Membership

E. Sir Clifton J. Toothaker, Jr., *Chairman*, No. 3, 2 Robert Road, Topsfield, Mass. 01983
Southeast—E. Sir Carl R. Mitchell, No. 1
Central—E. Sir Barsom C. Bedig, No. 5
Metro.—E. Sir John A. Chalker, No. 7
Northeast—E. Sir Herbert W. Moore, Jr., No. 17
Metro., North—E. Sir Robert E. Lewis, No. 20
Southwest—E. Sir John A. Swahn, No. 24
Metro., South—E. Sir Irving L. E. Steffen, No. 38
Western—E. Sir Karl W. Benway, No. 49

York Rite Special Activities

R. E. Sir Gordon C. Player, *Chairman*, No. 3

Publicity and Patriotic Activities

E. Sir George H. Sanford, Jr., No. 50, *Chairman for Mass.*
E. Sir Thomas C. Brown, No. 51, *Chairman for Rhode Island*
All Division Commanders—*Co-Chairmen*

Marking Officers

E. Sir Norman R. Lowe, No. 19
E. Sir Albert C. Gillespie, No. 21
E. Sir Wayne E. Soucey, No. 34
E. Sir Wayne H. Bookmiller, No. 36
E. Sir Warren C. Wilson, No. 37
E. Sir Edward Noseworthy, No. 41

Deputy Grand Warders

E. Sir Richard A. Isasi, No. 21
E. Sir Donald F. Freberg, No. 29
E. Sir Hokan Enquist, No. 33
E. Sir Richard D. Parent, No. 38
E. Sir Robert L. Doney, No. 41
E. Sir J. Howard Aikens, No. 43
E. Sir Harold A. Taylor, No. 46
E. Sir Karl H. Benway, No. 49
E. Sir William R. Smith, No. 51

Exemplification Team

Com.—Harry E. Sears, No. 3
Gen.—John E. Johnson, No. 47
C. Gen.—Fred Pearson, Jr., No. 8
S. War.—Frank G. Holt,3rd, No. 14
J. War.—J. Allan McKinnon, 3rd, No. 31
Prelate—James S. W. Rogers, No. 2
Treas.—Warren F. Noyes, No. 7
Rec.—Leland Ross, Jr., No. 11
Cp. Gd.—John W. Mackey, No. 19
Cand.—Roger W. Jones, No. 42
Sw. Br.—Roy M. Reed, No. 20
N. C. G.—John Ellis, No. 5
N. C. Br—Gerald L. Plimpton, No. 41
N. C. G.—William J. Milyaro, No. 32
St. Br.—Adolfo Fernandez, No. 26
B. Br.—George Hamilton, No. 39
St. F. Br.—John E. Ewart, No. 13
Warder—Philip G. Rollins, No. 51
Ms. of Cer.—Wayne A. Soucey, No. 34; George W. Whitney, Jr., No. 52; John W. Chapin, No. 33; Helmer B. Kruse, No. 52

Drill Master

R. E. Sir Louis A. Beaudoin, No. 35, P. O. Box 2, New Boston, Mass. 01255

R.E. SIR DWIGHT C. PAGE: R.E. Sir, that concludes the ceremonies of installation and I think I can speak for my Grand Marshal and myself that it has been a very real

pleasure to have this opportunity to install you and we wish for you and this Grand Commandery under your leadership an excellent and progressive year. Thank you, Sir.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you, Sir.

Sir Knights, first off I would like to thank each and everyone of you for the opportunity of standing here before you as Grand Commander. It is a distinct pleasure for me to be here. I have a terrific job cut out for me I realize in living up to my immediate predecessor in this office. Why he didn't lose any weight from the way he worked I will never know but he worked and I give you my promise that I will try to work equally as hard to make Templary come back to where it was years ago as the old Templars have been telling us.

First I would like to thank my very good friend Sir Knight Dwight C. Page and his Warder John Mitchell for doing the honors for me today. There is a story that goes with it as far as Dwight is concerned. He was living in Florida and he had told me a year or so ago that he would be up so I took him up on it and come to find out he had planned to renege this year. But when I asked him to do the honors today he graciously accepted and he came up all the way from Florida just to install the Officers for Grand Commandery.

The installing Prelate we had today is no stranger to a good many of you. He has been my sponsor through everything in Masonry from Blue Lodge up through and as Master of Blue Lodge and Commandery. He has just been a Sir Knight you can't say no to and I am pleased that I didn't but it is through him that I am able to stand here today. Sir Knight Joseph E. Staveley.

Sir Knights, we have a long way to go this year and seeing as though it is only quarter past three we have a long time to get started. Before I get started on my many pages here I would like to call on Sir Knight Edwin Hurst, the Commander of Pilgrim Commandery No. 9, to approach the podium.

Sir Knight Edwin, you and the Escort were dismissed this morning by our Junior Past Grand Commander and you were not here taking care of your duties as Commander of Pilgrim Commandery, so I in your stead accepted this citation for a ten per cent sponsorship of the Knight Templar Eye Foundation. I have taken care of it for the last hour. I present it to you and I expect to see it hanging in our Asylum in Lowell.

E. SIR EDWIN E. HURST: Thank you, Norman.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, we have everything going for us this year. We have started out with new quarters right here. I think it has worked out fairly well. We have new business to attend to. You have new Officers in your Grand Commandery and the Constituent Commanderies. We have new quotas to attain. We have a new type of marking for the year. I say new, I discovered after I got it pretty well straightened out in my mind that this was nothing new, that other Grand Commanders had used it before.

The main thing is that we have going for us that is new this year, I am certain of it, is the new vitality to make Templary progress n this area and from the vote of support that I have received the last day here I am sure that the new vitality is going to spring forth. I don't know as we are going to make any particular great waves but we are going to really paddle and probably get somewhere. I understand that we already have several applications throughout the Jurisdiction and our Grand Recorder told me the other day with a smile on his face that it looked pretty nice and when he smiles he is happy, and if he is happy on membership we should all be happy but not satisfied, we should progress even further.

I would urge you Sir Knight to take a good hard look at Templary as we have it today. Compare it with what it was when you were Knighted and this can be done more particularly by the more elderly of the Sir Knights that are here. The teachings of our Order have not changed nor has our philanthropic foundation and I don't see any reason why anything else should change except for the better. If

we are so disinterested in our progress as to not include our Masonic Brothers God knows this world needs all the teachings of our Order and that of all of Masonry.

We as Templars are just a small cog in the wheel of Masonry which in its turning has left a great and lasting impression over the entire world as it rolled from one generation to another for the last hundred years. Now this has a slight leaning towards our Scottish Rite Brother Herbert Jaynes who brought this point out. Are we going to help to stop the wheel by total apathy or are we going to keep it rolling with enthusiasm? It is time that all the cogs in the wheel started working together for the benefit of all concerned, particularly in this area. I urge you, Sir Knights, and Sublime Princes, when you have sponsored a candidate through the Rite of his choosing that you accept his application to join the other Rite that we may build a more impressive wheel.

That concludes my trend of thought for the day for the moment anyway. They keep coming and going.

I would at this time like to call on our Junior Past Grand Commander, Sir Knight Gordon C. Player, and ask him if he would approach the podium, please. While he is coming I will ask our R.E. Grand Recorder if he will accompany him.

R.E. SIR G. BURTON LONG: R.E. Past Junior Grand Commander, it was with a great pleasure that I heard you request that I present to you the jewel of a Past Grand Commander. Much has been said about you today so that it leaves little more to be said than what already has. The main theme of the thinking was that you should be highly honored in having presented to the Knights of this Grand Jurisdiction your very best efforts and although perhaps you were disappointed in the final results I am very, very sure you are going to make the fellow who succeeds you look good.

So it is with great personal pleasure that I pin on your breast this Past Grand Commander's jewel. I also present to you from the Grand Commandery a rosette for your

chapeau and a set of Past Grand Commander's shoulder boards.

Gordon, I cannot help but think of how you made it possible for me to do many things this year that could not have been otherwise done had you not picked me up, taken me home and made it possible for me to attend so many affairs. I am presenting to you as a personal token of my esteem and appreciation, this Past Grand Commander's lapel pin. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with you.

R.E. SIR GORDON C. PLAYER: R.E. Sir Burt, it has been my pleasure to have had you as Grand Recorder with these two fine ladies that you have in the office. As I have written in my report that these ladies put in much time that they do not get paid for. During this past week they worked until eight-thirty in the evening and they don't get paid after four, just to get the work done that has to be done in that office. In fact, at the present time they are three weeks behind in their correspondence and so forth. They have much work in that office and I assure you Sir Knights that it is being run to the fullest of its capacity with the greatest cooperation.

I want to thank you, Burt, for the lapel pin you presented to me. It was my pleasure to pick you up whenever it was possible to attend many of the inspections.

Sir Knights, I am pleased and proud to be succeeded by a Sir Knight with the capability of R.E. Sir Norman Staveley. Our Grand Commandery is in excellent hands and though he may be small in stature this man will do this Grand Commandery and this Jurisdiction honor both to us and to himself before next year rolls around.

Thank you again Sir Knights for all you have done for me.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knight Grand Recorder, do you have anything further on your desk to come before the body?

R.E. SIR G. BURTON LONG: No, Sir, I do not.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: If there is nothing further to be brought before the Grand Commandery I will call on the Grand Warder to request of the Credentials Committee a final reading on credentials.

E. SIR ERNEST J. COMI: R.E. Grand Commander, the final report is 40 Commanderies represented and 147 Sir Knights registered.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Thank you, Sir Knight Comi.

Sir Knights, before we adjourn this Grand Conclave I will again remind you that the Past Commanders Association is having a meeting.

E. Grand Warder, you will inform the E. Grand Sentinel that I am about to adjourn this Grand Commandery.

E. SIR WILLIAM A. WEISS: R.E. Grand Commander, your order has been obeyed.

THE GRAND COMMANDER: Sir Knights, before I adjourn I would like to thank each and everyone of you for coming and making this Grand Conclave a success.

(The 165th Annual Conclave of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templars, Inc., and the Appendant Orders of Massachusetts and Rhode Island adjourned in ample form with prayer by Associate Grand Prelate Joseph E. Staveley at 3:30 P.M.)

Respectfully

G. Burton Long

Grand Recorder

Boston, November 1, 1967, A. O. 849

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 1
Series 1967-1968

To the Eminent Commanders, Officers and Sir Knights of this Grand Commandery.

THE HOLIDAY SEASON

The crosses on our uniforms, the teachings of our Grand Order, and the words "IN HOC SIGNO VINCES" all take on a more hallowed meaning this Christmas Season, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace. May this be a time of prayerful self-examination and rededication to the Christian work of Knights Templary.

The obligations and opportunities of our Order were not imposed upon us by a hostile will. We freely chose to identify ourselves with those who stand for the Cross. We took the initiative in seeking to follow the Great Imanuel, our Lord and Master.

As Knights Templar, we should be thankful for the opportunity to demonstrate in our daily lives the sacred teachings of the Great Captain of our Salvation, to the members of our families, our friends, our business associates, and to the other people in the community. We should strive to show that Knights Templar can truly love others, in humble deed as well as devout contemplation in our Asylums.

So I humbly ask of each Sir Knight the contribution of ($1.00) or more if possible to be sent to your own Recorder to be used to bring happiness to someone less fortunate than ourselves.

This Official Order is to be read at the head of the Lines at the Conclave immediately following its receipt and the results reported to me on forms furnished by Grand Commandery.

Given under my hand and seal of this Grand Commandery on the first day of November, nineteen hundred sixty-seven, A. O. 849.

Courteously yours,

GORDON C. PLAYER,
Grand Commander.

(SEAL)

Attest:

G. BURTON LONG,
Grand Recorder.

November 16, 1967.

OFFICIAL ORDER No. 2
Series 1967-1968

To the Grand Commandery Officers, Eminent Commanders and Recorders.

EMINENT SIRS:

I am deeply concerned about the ever continuing losses of membership in this Jurisdiction, particularly so, considering the fact that others are prospering while we decline. I have reached the point wherein I am wholly disinterested in reasons why we are retrogressing. I am only interested in how we can progress.

For the past year we have been working on a new program for membership beginning with our support of the Blue Lodge, support by our presence in goodly numbers at their meetings. If the Blue Lodge withers, from what source will we get our membership?

I have appointed a Director of Membership in each of our eight Divisions as my personal representative. The Membership Director for your Commandery is:

I repeat, this Sir Knight is vested with complete authority to act in my behalf on our Membership Program and as such, commands your immediate response.

It is directed that as a first step *you forward forthwith to the office of the Grand Recorder*, the name, address and telephone number of the Chairman of your Membership Committee.

It is my Order that this communication be read at the head of the line at the Conclave following its receipt and spread upon the records.

Given under my hand and seal of this Grand Commandery on this sixteenth day of November, nineteen hundred sixty-seven, A.O. 849.

Courteously yours,

GORDON C. PLAYER,
Grand Commander.

Attest:

G. BURTON LONG,
Grand Recorder.

September 19, 1967.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 1
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AUDITOR 1967-1968

ROBERT P. BEACH, C.P.A.

Courteously yours,

G. BURTON LONG,
Grand Recorder.

February 19, 1968.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR NO. 2
Series 1967-1968

To the Grand Commandery Officers, Commanders and Recorders.

SIR KNIGHTS:

I have been directed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Gordon C. Player to prepare and mail you the information received from the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the U.S.A. relative to the COMPILATION OF MEMBERSHIP NAMES AND ADDRESSES.

Lest there be any misunderstanding of the approved method of compliance, we enclose a verbatim copy of the Grand Encampment's information and instruction list together with a copy of the form.

We request that you give this your *immediate and careful* attention and make sure you mail your list to the Grand Commandery office in ample time to remail to Chicago to meet the target date.

Your Division Commander will be responsible for the successful accomplishment of this program in his Division.

Remember ,the Grand Commandery office is here to serve you. Call us if we can be of assistance.

Courteously yours,

G. BURTON LONG,
Grand Recorder.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR OF THE U.S.A.

Information and Instruction List for Membership Compilation

1—Object is to accurately list every name, street address, city, state and Zip Code for every Sir Knight in your Commandery.

2—On the Page 1 form, we need the name and number of your Commandery, and the city and state in which it is located.

3—Next step is to list the name and address of the Eminent Commander, and the name and address of the Recorder.

(Note the Deadline date on the top of Page 1. This is the date the material is due back in this office; however, you will send the list to your Grand Recorder first, so please allow him sufficient time to forward your roster to the Grand Encampment office before the deadline date.)

4—After these preliminaries, start your roster as indicated—name, street address, city, state and zip. Even though you have identified the Commander and Recorder at the top of the sheet, be sure to include them within the membership list itself. Page 1 is pre-numbered. When you have filled it, to to the additional sheets—numbering them as you go.

5—Typing is preferred. However, if you elect to make use of addressograph plates, make the imprints in a quantity that will legibly and conveniently fit on each page provided, plus as many additional white 8½ by 11 sheets necessary to complete the list.

6—In typing, use additional lines if space is not sufficient.

7—Legibility and accuracy are very, very important, and if diligently observed at the start will save time, effort and confusion for each of us. The information you provide will be transferred to data processing cards; what you tell us to put in is what will come out of the printer for your use, your Grand Recorder's use, and the use of this office.

8—When listing the name, use the same form which the individual uses. Example: The "mailing" name of our M. E. Grand Master is JOHN L. CROFTS, SR., not John Lawton Crofts, Sr. The R. E. Deputy Grand Master of Grand Encampment is GEORGE WILBUR BELL in complete form, but his correct "mailing" and general usage name is G. WILBUR BELL. Same thing applies to all on your list. If the individual uses his first initial and full middle name, that's what we need. If he uses his full first name and the initial for his middle name, that the way t should be listed on your roster.

Note: If you use addressograph plates to make your list, please check and hand-correct names to make them fit the "usage" pattern described.

9—Zip code numbers, quite obviously are essential. Please be sure the correct Zip Code number is listed for every member.

10—Make a copy of your list for your own records, if you wish. However, after all the Constituent Commanderies in your jurisdiction have completed the membership listings, the information will be transferred to punch cards. Lists will then be printed and returned to you through your Grand Recorder) for verification and/or correction. There will be one printed copy made for you, one for your Grand Recorder, and one for this office. You will be forwarded all three copies by your Grand Recorder for checking. You will then return two corrected copies to your Grand Recorder; he will keep one and return the other to this office.

11—Later an updating system (as simple and practical as possible) will be drawn up so that you can keep your roster in accurate and up-to-date condition.

12—Please remember that this project requires the cooperation, supervision and assistance of your Grand Recorder. All information and material from this office will reach you by way of your Grand Recorder; also all returns are to be routed to this office through the Grand Recorder of your jurisdiction.

If you have questions, if you have items of any kind to relay in connection with this project, please work through your Grand Recorder and consult him for assistance. He will be the correlating agent and authority for the compilation of names and addresses by all Commanderies in your jurisdiction.

13—It is strongly recommended that your list of names and addresses be proof-read by a "committeee" or at least someone other than yourself before you relay the list to your Grand Recorder. No reflection on your ability or thoroughness, it just seems that we do a better job of proof-reading if we are not "too close" to the subject. When we deal with familiar material, we're inclined to see what we THINK should be there, rather than what is actually written.

14—The Timetable is extremely important. The dated returns from the jurisdictions must be dovetailed with our personnel and equipment productivity.

15—Remember that clerical workers will be translating your roster to data processing cards. They will be good and accurate workers, but not skilled handwriting analysts or interpreters. Please be accurate, clear—and prompt.

Thank you very much for your cooperation. This is a project that's going to help you, your Commandery, and the whole Order of Templary. It's work for all of us right now, but is worth our best effort and ability.

Courteously and Sincerely,

PAUL C. RODENHAUSER.

Deadline for Return 24 June 1968

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ROSTER—GRAND ENCAMPMENT

Commandery Name and No. .....

City ..... State .....

Em. Commander .....Recorder .....

Address: ....

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Roster of Members

(Name) (St.) (City) (State) (Zip)

Form J-2

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(This is the form for Page 2 and following pages—See Paragraph 5 of instructions.)

Roster: Commandery Name and Number.....Page....

(Name) (St.) (City) (State) (Zip)

Form J-3

April 25, 1968.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR No. 3
Series 1967-1968

To the Grand Commandery Officers, Commanders and Recorders.

SIR KNIGHTS:

I have been directed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander, Sir Knight Gordon C. Player to call your attention to Official Circular No. 2 dated February 19, 1968. In it each Commander and Recorder of each Constituent Commandery as well as your Division Officer was given complete information as to the compilation of Membership names and addresses.

Your immediate and careful attention was requested. At the present writing but *seventeen* of our fifty Commanderies have sent in their lists yet more than half the allotted time has passed.

We appreciate the fact that there may be more pleasant duties to perform but we request your prompt action and mailing of this list to us.

We are to send all fifty lists to the Grand Encampment at one time. This means that *all lists must be in our office by June 1st.* Don't continue to postpone a service that will be of value to you, to your membership and to Templary.

It must be done—do it now!

Courteously yours,

G. BURTON LONG,
Grand Recorder.

October 23, 1967.

SPECIAL LETTER No. 1
Series 1967-1968

To the Grand Commandery Officers, Eminent Commanders and Recorders.

Subject—ASSESSMENT AND DUES

SIR KNIGHTS:

In accordance with information received from the Right Eminent Grand Recorder of the Grand Encampment each Sir Knight throughout the country will be assessed an increase in Per Capita in 1968 and again in 1969. The increase effective this year will make a total of 34c per member due the Grand Encampment for each member and 1969 will be $1.00 total.

At our Annual Conclave in September of this year a proposal was read to increase the Per Capita assessment of the Grand Commandery from $1.045 to $2.00. This would make the total Per Capita tax for which each Sir night is responsible $3.00 of which $2.00 would be retained in this Jurisdiction and $1.00 sent to the Grand Encampment. Kindly note that this has no bearing on the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Each Sir Knight who has not yet availed himself of the honor of becoming a Life Sponsor is still responsible for the $1.00 assessment to our great humanitarian charity.

As a word of explanation, we wish to inform you that your $1.00 to the Grand Encampment will bring the Knights Templar Magazine to each member as well as giving us additional services to strengthen our membership and improve the image of Templary both within and outside the Order.

For the past several years the Grand Commandery has had to "borrow" monies from the Trustees of the Grand Fund to meet operating expenses. The time has come when it is necessary to adjust our income to meet our expenses without false "borrowing." Our Per Capita tax has not been raised for several years and it is now necessary to do so or the alternate is slowly but surely fade into oblivion.

This information is given to you at this time that you may be fully aware of the situation. I believe everyone of our Commanderies will be faced with the necessity of changing their By-Laws to meet the new assessments.

There will be a Special Conclave of the Grand Commandery to finalize such action as this Jurisdiction will take, which action would become effective for the Templar year 1968-1969. Meantime I suggest that you examine your By-Laws carefully and make such change as may be deemed necessary.

Courteously yours,

G. BURTON LONG,
Grand Recorder.

December 11, 1967.

SPECIAL LETTER No. 2
Series 1967-1968

To the Eminent Commander and Officers.

SIR KNIGHTS:

On Saturday, December 2, 1967, a Commandery Exemplification was held at Natick Commandery at 1:30 P.M. to which your Officers were cordially invited and expected to attend.

This was held so that the Officers of fifteen (15) Commanderies could witness the way the work should be done the night of your Inspection. Out of a possible total of 150 men who should have been present we were honored by the *grand total of* 26. Evidently the greater number who did not show leads us to believe they know this work and each of these Commanderies will no doubt receive a 10—*for a mark the night of their Inspection.*

Sir Knights, the question has been asked many times, what is wrong with Masonry? I believe the answer is very plain, that we do not have enough men who are sufficiently interested to give enough of their time and talents.

"We all have a job to do
Let each of us so do that job
That we may be deemed worthy to wear the jewel."

Your Commandery was represented by Sir Knights.

We realize that not all could have possibly attended but I certainly believe that we are entitled to a better response.

I do hope that you will give this much thought and participate in the things that we are trying to do for you.

I is ORDERED that this letter be read at the head of the lines at your next regular Conclave.

Courteously and Fraternally,

GORDON C. PLAYER,
Grand Commander.

May 29, 1968.

SPECIAL LETTER No. 3
Series 1967-1968

To Grand Commandery Officers, Eminent Commanders and Recorders.

SIR KNIGHTS:

I have been directed by the Right Eminent Grand Commander Sir Knight Gordon C. Player to inform you that there will be a Busyman's Class held at the Asylum of Natick Commandery No. 33, Natick, Massachusetts, on Saturday, June 22, 1968.

The Illustrious Order of the Red Cross will begin at 10:00 A.M. and will be followed by the Order of Malta. Both Orders will be conferred in abbreviated form.

The Order of the Temple will be conferred in full form going through the first four Libations prior to luncheon after which the work will be given to its conclusion.

Here is an opportunity to work those candidates who are qualified to receive the Orders without the inevitable loss of being held over for the summer months. Here also is the opportunity to enjoy a day of Templar fellowship.

Luncheon will consist of Clam Chowder and the fixings. The big meal of the day will be a Clambake—steamers, lobsters and all

that goes with it. All this is for the nominal cost of $4.00 per man. There will be of course, a "Social Hour" whereby you can chat away an afternoon in enjoyable fellowship.

Make your reservations with Sir Knight John M. Tassey, 7 Dewey Street, Natick, Massachusetts. He has offered his premises for this event and will be your host for the Clambake.

Get those reservations in at ONCE so that you may be assured of an outstanding afternoon. The price of lobster being as high as it is, we must regretfully state "NO RESERVATION, NO CLAMBAKE."

Courteously yours,

G. Burton Long,
Grand Recorder.

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1968-1970

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Precedence of Grand Commanderies Based Upon the Date of Their Respective Organizations

1. MASSACHUETTS AND RHODE ISLAND.....May 6, 1805
2. NEW YORK .....June 18, 1814
3. VIRGINIA .....Nov. 27, 1823
4. VERMONT .....June 27, 1824
5. NEW HAMPSHIRE .....June 13, 1826
6. CONNECTICUT .....Sept. 13, 1827
7. OHIO .....Oct. 24, 1843
8. KENTUCKY .....Oct. 15, 1847
9. MAINE .....May 5, 1852
10. PENNSYLVANIA .....April 12, 1854
11. INDIANA .....May 16, 1854
12. TEXAS .....Jan. 18, 1855
13. MISSISSIPPI .....Jan. 21, 1857
14. MICHIGAN .....April 7, 1857
15. ILLINOIS .....Oct. 27, 1857
16. CALIFORNIA .....Aug. 10, 1858
17. TENNESSEE .....Oct. 12, 1859
18. WISCONSIN .....Oct. 20, 1859
19. NEW JERSEY .....Feb. 14, 1860
20. GEORGIA .....April 25, 1860
21. MISSOURI .....May 22, 1860
22. ALABAMA .....Nov. 29, 1860
23. LOUISIANA .....Feb. 12, 1864
24. IOWA .....June 6, 1864
25. MINNESOTA .....Oct. 23, 1865
26. KANSAS .....Dec. 29, 1868
27. MARYLAND .....Jan. 23, 1871
28. NEBRASKA .....Dec. 27, 1871
29. ARKANSAS .....Mar. 23, 1872
30. WEST VIRGINIA .....Feb. 25, 1874
31. COLORADO .....Mar. 14, 1876
32. NORTH CAROLINA .....May 10, 1881
33. SOUTH DAKOTA .....May 14, 1884
34. OREGON .....April 13, 1887
35. WASHINGTON .....June 2, 1887
36. WYOMING .....Mar. 7, 1888
37. MONTANA .....May 14, 1888
38. NORTH DAKOTA .....June 16, 1890
39. ARIZONA .....Nov. 16, 1893
40. FLORIDA .....Aug. 15, 1895
41. *INDIAN TERRITORY .....Dec. 27, 1895
42. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA .....Jan. 14, 1896
43. *OKLAHOMA .....Feb. 10, 1896
44. NEW MEXICO .....Aug. 21, 1901
45. IDAHO .....Aug. 31, 1904
46. SOUTH CAROLINA .....Mar. 25, 1907
47. UTAH .....April 20, 1910
48. NEVADA .....April 15, 1918

(*Consolidated October 6, 1911, as the Grand Commandery of Oklahoma.)

CONSTITUENT COMMANDERIES

Name of Commandery	No.	Location of Commandery	Date of Charter	Stated Conclave	Election of Officers	Annual Conclave	Installation
St. John's	1	Providence, R. I.	Oct. 7, 1805	1st Mon.	June	Oct.	Oct.
Boston	2	Boston, Mass.	Mar. 3, 1806	3rd Wed.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Newburyport	3	Newburyport, Mass.	May 19, 1808	3rd Thurs.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Washington	4	Newport, R. I.	June 7, 1814	3rd Wed.	June	June	June
Worcester County	5	Worcester, Mass.	Dec. 17, 1824	1st Thurs.	June	June	June
Springfield	6	Springfield, Mass.	June 19, 1826	1st Mon.	June	June	June
DeMolay	7	Boston, Mass.	Oct. 10, 1848	4th Wed.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Holy Sepulchre	8	Pawtucket, R. I.	Oct. 10, 1848	3rd Fri.	June	June	June
Pilgrim	9	Lowell, Mass.	Oct. 10, 1855	4th Wed.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Palestine	10	Chelsea, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	2nd Wed.	May	May	May
Milford	11	Milford, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	4th Tues.	June	June	June
St. Bernard	12	Boston, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1859	2nd Wed.	May	May	May
Calvary	13	Providence, R. I.	May 22, 1860	3rd Tues	June	Sept.	Sept.
Haverhill	14	Haverhill, Mass.	May 13, 1863	2nd Tues.	June	June	June
Old Colony	15	Abington, Mass.	Oct. 26, 1863	4th Mon.	June	June	Sept.
Sutton	16	New Bedford, Mass.	Mar. 4, 1864	1st Thurs.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Bethany	17	Lawrence, Mass.	June 1, 1864	Last Mon.	May	May	Sept.
Winslow Lewis	18	Salem, Mass.	Mar. 3, 1865	3rd Thurs.	June	Oct.	Oct.
Jerusalem	19	Fitchburg, Mass.	Mar. 8, 1865	3rd Thurs.	June	June	Sept.
Hugh de Payens	20	Melrose, Mass.	Mar. 27, 1865	2nd Wed.	June	Sept.	Sept.
St. Omer	21	Dorchester, Mass.	Sept. 30, 1865	3rd Mon.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Berkshire	22	Pittsfield, Mass.	Dec. 22, 1865	2nd Mon.	June	June	June
Connecticut Valley	23	Greenfield, Mass.	May 22, 1866	1st Tues.	June	June	June
Woonsocket	24	Woonsocket, R. I.	Jan. 31, 1867	2nd Tues.	June	June	June
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Fall River, Mass.	May 29, 1868	3rd Wed.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.
Joseph Warren	26	Roxbury, Mass.	Jan. 1, 1869	1st Mon.	June	June	June
Narragansett	27	Westerly, R. I.	May 12, 1869	1st Wed.	June	June	Oct.
*William Parkman	28	East Boston, Mass.	May 12, 1870				
Bristol	29	Attleboro, Mass.	May 28, 1870	1st Fri.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Northampton	30	Northampton, Mass.	June 2, 1870	4th Mon.	June	June	June
South Shore	31	E. Weymouth, Mass.	June 9, 1870	4th Thurs.	June	June	Sept.
Trinity	32	Hudson, Mass.	April 7, 1871	3rd Wed.	June	June	Sept.
Natick	33	Natick, Mass.	April 12, 1871	2nd Mon.	June	June	Oct.
Coeur de Lion	34	Medford, Mass.	Oct. 14, 1871	3rd Wed.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Gethsemane	35	Newtonville, Mass.	May 20, 1872	4th Tues.	June	June	June
Olivet	36	Lynn, Mass.	Mar. 13, 1873	2nd Thurs.	June	June	Sept.
Athol	37	Athol, Mass.	June 7, 1873	2nd Wed.	June	June	June
Bay State	38	Brockton, Mass.	Sept. 13, 1873	3rd Mon.	June	June	
Cyprus	39	Hyde Park, Mass.	Oct. 31, 1873	4th Thurs.	May	Sept.	Sept.
St. Paul	40	North Adams, Mass.	Jan. 19, 1882	2nd Fri.	June	June	June
Beauseant	41	Malden, Mass.	Oct. 20, 1886	4th Mon.	June	June	June
Cambridge	42	Cambridge, Mass.	May 28, 1890	4th Tues.	June	June	Sept.
Bethlehem	43	Gloucester, Mass.	Oct. 29, 1890	2nd Mon.	June	Sept.	Sept.
†St. George	44	Beverly, Mass.	Oct. 23, 1892				
Orange	45	Orange, Mass.	Oct. 26, 1893	Last Fri.	June	June	June
Ivanhoe	46	Gardner, Mass.	Oct. 31, 1896	1st Thurs.	June	June	June
Quincy	47	Quincy, Mass.	Feb. 20, 1911	4th Mon.	June	June	June
Temple	48	Norwood, Mass.	Oct. 22, 1919	2nd Thurs.	June	Sept.	Sept.
St. Andrew	49	Holyoke, Mass.	Oct. 28, 1920	3rd Mon.	June	June	June
Reading	50	Reading, Mass.	Jan. 14, 1921	2nd Mon.	June	June	June
Thomas Smith Webb	51	Cranston, R. I.	May 6, 1921	3rd Fri.	June	Sept.	Sept.
Sir Galahad	52	Waltham, Mass.	May 31, 1922	3rd Mon.	June	June	Sept.
‡Winthrop	53	Winthrop, Mass.	June 21, 1924				

* Consolidated with Boston Commandery February 21, 1940.
† Charter arrested July 17, 1945.
‡ Consolidated with Boston Commandery February 20, 1952.

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Commandery	No.	Recorder	Address
St. John's	1	Elmer H. Palmer	1401 S. Co. Trail, E. Greenwich, R.I. 02818
Boston	2	Robert Gardiner Wilson Jr.	73 Tremont St., Boston, Mass. 02108
Newburyport	3	William H. Carter	10 Columbus Ave., Newburyport, Mass. 01950
Washington	4	Karl E. Falkenholm	72 Boulevard, Middletown, R.I. 02843
Worcester County	5	Lester W. Grant	19 Conger Road, Worcester, Mass. 01602
Springfield	6	Frederick W. DeWitt	674 Main St., Wilbraham, Mass. 01095
DeMolay	7	Chester G. Parsons	P.O. Box 21, Wellesley, Mass. 02181
Holy Sepulchre	8	Arthur L. Wilbur	28 Farnum St., Pawtucket, R.I. 02861
Pilgrim	9	Maxwell McGaw Ellis	27 S. Loring St., Lowell, Mass. 01850
Palestine	10	Frank E. Milley	165 Grove St., Chelsea, Mass. 02150
Milford	11	Harry C. York	Bates St., Mendon, Mass. 01756
St. Bernard	12	Chester W. Eaton	1363 Highland Ave., Needham, Mass. 02192
Calvary	13	Daniel E. Verry, Sr.	731 Narragansett Pkwy., Warwick, R.I. 02888
Haverhill	14	Arthur Hayden	19 N. Hampshire Av., Haverhill, Mass. 01831
Old Colony	15	William E. Cookson	38 Center Ave., Abington, Mass. 02351
Sutton	16	Kenneth D. Bertram	105 Brigham St., New Bedford, Mass. 02740
Bethany	17	Joseph R. Remick	112 Lowell St., Methuen, Mass. 01844
Winslow Lewis	18	Stuart E. Lauckner	176 Burrill St., Swampscott, Mass. 01907
Jerusalem	19	Harvey H. Goodwin	32 Washington St., Leominster, Mass. 01453
Hugh de Payens	20	Donald H. Hatheway	90 Walton Park, Melrose, Mass. 02176
St. Omer	21	Allen Campbell	28 Redlands Rd., W. Roxbury, Mass. 02132
Berkshire	22	Karl Olavi Lepisto	P. O. Box 1094, Pittsfield, Mass. 01201
Connecticut Valley	23	Bruce E. Gleadhill	29 Church St., Greenfield, Mass. 01301
Woonsocket	24	Lloyd C. Arnold	17 (Rear) Great Rd., Woonsocket, R.I. 02895
Godfrey de Bouillon	25	Warren P. Hathaway	651 New Boston Rd., Fall River, Mass. 02720
Joseph Warren	26	Ernest J. Comi	1 Pagoda St., Milton, Mass. 02186
Narragansett	27	William R. Patterson, Jr.	86 Wells St., Westerly, R.I. 02891
Bristol	29	Donald F. Freberg	20 Clarner St., Pawtucket, R. I. 02861
Northampton	30	Armand J. Costa	179 Northampton Rd., Amherst, Mass. 01002
South Shore	31	William J. Williams	16 Nickerson Rd., E. Braintree, Mass. 02184
Trinity	32	Allan B. Waters	P.O. Box 68, Sterling Junction, Mass. 01564
Natick	33	John M. Tassey	7 Dewey St., Natick, Mass. 01760
Coeur de Lion	34	Carroll H. Tiffany	22 Bellevue St., Medford, Mass. 02155
Gethsemane	35	Morgan S. Campbell	293 Franklin St., Newton, Mass. 02158
Olivet	36	Frank A. McPhee	50 Clearview Ave., E. Lynn, Mass. 01904
Athol	37	Richard B. Wallwork	141 Riverview Ave., Athol, Mass. 01331
Bay State	38	Richard D. Parent	33 Boyden St., Brockton, Mass. 02402
Cyprus	39	Chester Leo Crawford	9 Trimount St., Dedham, Mass. 02026
St. Paul	40	Carleton E. Perry	1428 Mass. Ave., No. Adams, Mass. 01247
Beauseant	41	Gerald L. Plimpton	74 Wallace St., Malden, Mass. 02148
Cambridge	42	Irving C. Langley	580 School St., Belmont, Mass. 02178
Bethlehem	43	Harold W. Adams	33 Pigeon Hill St., Rockport, Mass. 01966
Orange	45	Joseph Prentiss	71 W. River St., Orange, Mass. 01364
Ivanhoe	46	Albert E. Hill	86 Summit Ave., Gardner, Mass. 01440
Quincy	47	Clark H. Overhiser	5 Farm Hills Lane, Hingham, Mass. 02043
Temple	48	George M. Ellis	575 High St., Westwood, Mass. 02090
St. Andrew	49	Robert Donald Davis	32 River Terrace, Holyoke, Mass. 01040
Reading	50	Harold Francis Davis, Sr.	17 Forest Glen Road, Reading, Mass. 01867
Thomas Smith Webb	51	Albert A. Remington, 3rd	4 Cold Spring Rd., Barrington, R.I. 02806
Sir Galahad	52	Gerald A. Young	30 Caldwell Road, Waltham, Mass.

GRAND COMMANDERY STATISTICS

Name of Commandery	No.	Membership Last Year	Membership This Year	Admitted	Affiliated	Re-instated	Dimitted	Suspended	Errors	Died	Fees at $7.00	Per Capita at $1.39	G. E. Eye Assessment	Total
St. John's	1	470	456	16	0	0	3	3	0	24	112.00	633.84	385.00	1,130.84
Boston	2	1,014	972	17	0	1	3	8	0	49	119.00	1,351.08	977.00	2,447.08
Newburyport	3	315	323	17	0	0	3	3	0	3	119.00	448.97	276.00	843.97
Washington	4	84	86	6	0	0	2	0	0	2	42.00	119.54	82.00	243.54
Worcester County	5	621	598	5	0	1	9	5	0	15	35.00	831.22	581.00	1,447.22
Springfield	6	446	426	7	0	0	4	0	5—	18	49.00	592.14	416.00	1,057.14
De Molay	7	846	843	35	1	2	8	13	0	20	245.00	1,171.77	744.00	2,160.77
Holy Sepulchre	8	282	266	0	0	1	2	1	3—	11	.....	369.74	251.00	620.74
Pilgrim	9	299	280	2	0	1	8	2	0	12	14.00	389.20	269.00	672.20
Palestine	10	166	160	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	14.00	222.40	153.00	389.40
Milford	11	158	157	5	0	0	1	0	0	5	35.00	218.23	150.00	403.23
St. Bernard	12	97	96	2	0	1	1	0	0	2	14.00	133.44	39.00	186.44
Calvary	13	431	399	4	0	0	1	4	0	32	28.00	554.61	365.00	947.61
Haverhill	14	354	343	4	0	0	1	1	0	13	28.00	476.77	278.00	782.77
Old Colony	15	208	217	10	2	2	1	0	0	4	70.00	301.63	198.00	569.63
Sutton	16	511	518	22	1	0	4	4	3+	11	154.00	720.02	494.00	1,368.02
Bethany	17	143	139	8	1	0	1	8	0	4	56.00	193.21	132.00	381.21
Winslow Lewis	18	191	181	0	0	0	1	0	0	9	.....	251.59	180.00	431.59
Jerusalem	19	277	265	5	0	0	4	4	0	9	35.00	368.35	219.00	622.35
Hugh De Payens	20	457	439	8	0	0	8	7	0	11	56.00	610.21	424.00	1,090.21
St. Omer	21	225	215	2	0	1	1	0	0	12	14.00	298.85	204.00	516.85
Berkshire	22	312	305	6	0	0	3	3	0	7	42.00	423.95	245.00	710.95
Connecticut Valley	23	101	99	1	0	1	1	7	0	3	7.00	137.61	85.00	229.61
Woonsocket	24	148	143	8	0	1	1	0	0	5	56.00	198.77	144.00	398.77
Godfrey De Bouillon	25	116	113	7	0	0	6	2	0	3	49.00	157.07	111.00	317.07
Joseph Warren	26	117	114	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	7.00	158.46	95.00	260.46
Narragansett	27	175	167	4	0	0	1	2	0	9	28.00	232.13	159.00	419.13
Bristol	29	283	284	25	0	0	5	5	0	14	175.00	394.76	264.00	833.76
Northampton	30	121	118	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	.....	164.02	117.00	281.02
South Shore	31	144	147	1	0	1	0	0	0	4	7.00	200.16	123.00	330.16
Trinity	32	216	217	7	0	0	5	7	0	6	49.00	301.63	212.00	562.63
Natick	33	326	316	8	1	0	2	6	0	7	56.00	439.24	259.00	754.24
Coeur De Lion	34	418	416	11	2	0	1	1	0	7	77.00	578.24	302.00	957.24
Gethsemane	35	389	378	5	1	0	5	1	0	15	35.00	525.42	350.00	910.42
Olivet	36	380	374	7	0	0	1	1	0	7	49.00	519.86	364.00	932.86
Athol	37	137	133	4	0	0	5	2	0	5	28.00	184.87	129.00	341.87
Bay State	38	363	363	15	0	0	5	0	0	10	105.00	504.57	342.00	951.57
Cyprus	39	158	156	9	0	0	3	0	0	8	63.00	216.84	113.00	392.84
St. Paul	40	125	119	4	0	0	5	7	0	3	28.00	165.41	116.00	309.41
Beauseant	41	296	285	2	0	0	1	2	0	6	14.00	396.15	245.00	655.15
Cambridge	42	136	136	4	0	0	0	0	0	3	28.00	189.04	114.00	331.04
Bethlehem	43	169	166	3	0	1	0	1	0	6	21.00	230.74	150.00	401.74
Orange	45	65	63	2	0	0	1	0	0	4	14.00	87.57	60.00	161.57
Ivanhoe	46	215	213	3	0	0	4	1	0	4	21.00	296.07	175.00	492.07
Quincy	47	220	214	16	0	0	5	4	0	7	21.00	297.46	195.00	513.46
Temple	48	218	218	8	0	1	2	1	0	3	112.00	303.02	187.00	602.02
St. Andrew	49	168	171	8	0	0	3	4	0	9	56.00	237.69	146.00	439.69
Reading	50	331	326	7	1	0	1	2	0	9	56.00	453.14	261.00	770.14
Thomas Smith Webb	51	196	192	2	0	0	0	6	1—	3	49.00	266.88	162.00	477.88
Sir Galahad	52	166	162	358	10	15	129	123	0	6	14.00	225.18	156.00	395.18
Total		13,807	13,484						6—	447	2,506.00	18,742.76	12,198.00	33,446.76

GRAND COMMANDERY OFFICIAL INSPECTIONS

Name of Commandery	No.	Members Present	Visitors	Suite	Total	Annual Dues	Life Members	Date of Inspection	Mark	Inspecting Officer
St. John's	1	138	9	48	195	7.00	140.00	Feb. 8, 1968	10—	Elmer H. Palmer
Boston	2	219	0	33	252	10.00	150.00	April 17, 1968	10—	Jack R. Baker
Newburyport	3	82	68	14	164	10.00	150.00	Jan. 18, 1968	10—	Gordon C. Player
Washington	4	32	10	24	66	6.00	90.00	May 15, 1968	9	Elmer H. Palmer
Worcester County	5	102	9	25	136	10.00	150.00	April 4, 1968	9+	L. Raymond Wyatt
Springfield	6	70	4	16	90	10.00	150.00	April 1, 1968	9	Jack R. Baker
De Molay	7	224	4	39	267	10.00	150.00	Nov. 22, 1967	10—	Jack R. Baker
Holy Sepulchre	8	71	1	23	95	10.00	200.00	Mar. 29, 1968	10—	Charles L. Flygare
Pilgrim	9	67	31	65	163	11.00	165.00	Mar. 9, 1968	9+	L. Raymond Wyatt
Palestine	10	46	1	27	74	10.00	150.00	Jan. 10, 1968	9+	James C. Sirios
Milford	11	51	4	27	82	9.00	135.00	Jan. 23, 1968	9+	Charles L. Flygare
St. Bernard	12	47	2	6	55	40.00	750.00	Feb. 14, 1968	9+	Jack R. Baker
Calvary	13	136	6	27	169	9.00	135.00	Mar. 19, 1968	10—	Charles L. Flygare
Haverhill	14	102	3	38	143	8.00	120.00	April 2, 1968	10—	Thorsten B. Lind
Old Colony	15	58	8	26	92	5.00	75.00	Nov. 27, 1967	9	Robert M. MacKenzie
Sutton	16	142	6	21	169	7.00	105.00	Dec. 7, 1967	9+	Elmer H. Palmer
Bethany	17	46	11	32	89	10.00	150.00	Jan. 29, 1968	9	Thorsten B. Lind
Winslow Lewis	18	48	1	24	73	9.00	160.00	Mar. 21, 1968	9—	Charles L. Flygare
Jerusalem	19	71	11	33	115	10.00	150.00	April 20, 1968	9+	L. Raymond Wyatt
Hugh De Payens	20	110	32	60	202	12.00	270.00	April 10, 1968	10—	James C. Sirios
St. Omer	21	61	6	37	104	8.00	120.00	Nov. 20, 1967	10—	Jack R. Baker
Berkshire	22	45	12	45	102	6.00	90.00	May 13, 1968	8+	Elmer H. Palmer
Connecticut Valley	23	24	7	29	60	8.50	127.50	Oct. 31, 1967	9	James C. Sirios
Woonsocket	24	42	5	23	70	9.00	75.00	Feb. 13, 1968	9	Charles L. Flygare
Godfrey De Bouillon	25	34	7	27	68	7.00	150.00	Jan. 17, 1968	9+	Elmer H. Palmer
Joseph Warren	26	35	0	32	67	10.00	150.00	Mar. 5, 1968	9	Robert M. MacKenzie
Narragansett	27	47	6	18	71	5.00	75.00	Mar. 6, 1968	9+	Elmer H. Palmer
Bristol	29	106	8	30	144	6.00	90.00	Feb. 2, 1968	10—	Charles L. Flygare
Northampton	30	39	6	24	69	8.00	120.00	May 27, 1968	9—	Thorsten B. Lind
South Shore	31	41	4	25	70	8.00	120.00	Mar. 28, 1968	9+	Robert M. MacKenzie
Trinity	32	54	4	31	89	6.00	150.00	April 24, 1968	9+	L. Raymond Wyatt
Natick	33	92	13	55	160	9.00	150.00	Mar. 11, 1968	10—	L. Raymond Wyatt
Coeur De Lion	34	127	18	59	204	7.00	105.00	Feb. 17, 1968	10—	James C. Sirios
Gethsemane	35	91	6	40	137	12.00	180.00	Feb. 27, 1968	9+	Jack R. Baker
Olivet	36	82	5	34	121	7.00	150.00	Nov. 9, 1967	9	James C. Sirios
Athol	37	38	3	19	60	8.00	120.00	Mar. 13, 1968	9+	L. Raymond Wyatt
Bay State	38	91	6	28	125	9.00	175.00	Nov. 13, 1967	10—	Robert M. MacKenzie
Cyprus	39	49	1	23	73	7.00	105.00	April 25, 1968	9+	Robert M. MacKenzie
St. Paul	40	41	10	25	76	10.00	150.00	May 10, 1968	9	Thorsten B. Lind
Beauseant	41	75	9	49	133	8.00	240.00	Feb. 26, 1968	9+	James C. Sirios
Cambridge	42	38	3	28	69	10.00	200.00	May 28, 1968	9—	Jack R. Baker
Bethlehem	43	54	23	40	117	9.50	237.50	April 29, 1968	10—	Thorsten B. Lind
Orange	45	31	13	33	77	6.00	90.00	Feb. 23, 1968	9+	Robert M. MacKenzie
Ivanhoe	46	70	17	40	127	7.00	105.00	Nov. 2, 1967	9+	Thorsten B. Lind
Quincy	47	58	8	30	96	12.00	180.00	Mar. 25, 1968	9+	Robert M. MacKenzie
Temple	48	44	6	40	90	6.00	120.00	Dec. 14, 1967	9	Charles M. Flygare
St. Andrew	49	43	5	27	75	9.00	135.00	April 15, 1968	9+	Robert M. MacKenzie
Reading	50	61	8	41	110	10.00	200.00	Jan. 8, 1968	10—	James C. Sirios
Thomas Smith Webb	51	62	8	50	120	10.00	150.00	Nov. 17, 1967	10—	Elmer H. Palmer
Sir Galahad	52	35	6	31	72	9.00	30.00	Mar. 18, 1968	9+	L. Raymond Wyatt

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Grand Commanders of the Grand Commandery of Massachusetts and Rhode Island

Term of Office	Grand Commander	Member of Commandery	No.	Term of Office	Grand Commander	Member of Commandery	No.
1805—1818	*Thomas Smith Webb	St. John's	1	1889—1890	*James Swords	Hugh de Payens	20
1818—1820	*William Wilkinson	St. John's	1	1890—1891	*John P. Sanborn	Washington	4
1820—1826	*Henry Fowle	Boston	2	1891—1892	*Robert H. Chamberlain	Worcester County	5
1826—1829	*John Carlile	St. John's	1	1892—1893	*William H. H. Soule	St. Omer	21
1829—1832	*John J. Loring	Boston	2	1893—1894	*Charles C. Fry	Olivet	36
1832—1833	*Robert Lash	Boston	2	1894—1895	*Samuel C. Lawrence	Boston	2
1833—1835	*Edward A. Raymond	Boston	2	1895—1896	*Eugene H. Richards	Boston	2
1835—1837	*Araham A. Dame	Boston	2	1896—1897	*William R. Walker	Holy Sepulchre	8
1837—1839	*John Hews	Boston	2	1897—1898	*Walter Cutting	Berkshire	22
1839—1842	*Charles W. Moore	Boston	2	1898—1899	*George L. Shepley	St. John's	1
1842—1845	*John Flint	Boston	2	1899—1900	*Herbert F. Morse	Joseph Warren	26
1845—1847	*John B. Hammatt	Boston	2	1900—1901	*Winthrop Messenger	Hugh de Payens	20
1847—1848	*Ruel Baker	Boston	2	1901—1902	*George E. Hilton	Olivet	36
1848—1851	*John R. Bradford	Boston	2	1902—1903	*George H. Kenyon	Calvary	13
1851—1854	*James Hutchison	Holy Sepulchre	8	1903—1904	*Freeman C. Hersey	Winslow Lewis	18
1854—1856	*Simon W. Robinson	DeMolay	7	1904—1905	*Dana J. Flanders	Haverhill	14
1856—1858	*Daniel Harwood	Boston	2	1905—1906	*Edwin A. Blodgett	Springfield	6
1858—1860	*Winslow Lewis	Boston	2	1906—1907	*E. Bentley Young	Joseph Warren	26
1860—1862	*William Field	St. John's	1	1907—1908	*Charles I. Litchfield	Boston	2
1862—1863	*William Ellison	Boston	2	1908—1909	*John D. Munroe	Godfrey de Bouillon	25
1863—1865	*William S. Gardner	Pilgrim	9	1909—1910	*Walter W. Burnham	St. John's	1
1865—1867	*Rev. Charles H. Titus	St. John's	1	1910—1911	*J. Albert Blake	Winslow Lewis	18
1867—1869	*William W. Baker	St. Bernard	12	1911—1912	*Lafayette G. Blair	Cambridge	42
1869—1871	*Benjamin Dean	St. Omer	21	1912—1913	*Frank L. Nagle	Gethsemane	35
1871—1873	*Nicholas Van Slyck	Calvary	13	1913—1914	*William W. Johnson	Worcester County	5
1873—1875	*Charles A. Stott	Pilgrim	9	1914—1915	*Walter F. Medding	Beauseant	41
1875—1877	*Rev. Henry W. Rugg	St. John's	1	1915—1916	*Frederick I. Dana	Calvary	13
1877—1879	*John Dean	Worcester County	5	1916—1917	*Samuel D. Sherwood	Springfield	6
1879—1880	*Nelson W. Aldrich	Calvary	13	1917—1918	*William H. Emerson	Bay State	38
1880—1882	*William H. Kent	Coeur de Lion	34	1918—1919	*William J. Bolton	Athol	37
1882—1884	*Caleb Saunders	Bethany	17	1919—1920	*Everett C. Benton	St. Bernard	12
1884—1885	*Charles C. Hutchinson	Pilgrim	9	1920—1921	Harry G. Pollard	Pilgrim	9
1885—1886	*George H. Burnham	St. John's	1	1921—1922	*Henry C. Dexter	Holy Sepulchre	8
1886—1887	*Edward P. Chapin	Springfield	6	1922—1923	*James S. Blake	Boston	2
1887—1888	*George H. Allen	Olivet	36	1923—1924	*Charles R. Hunt	Sutton	16
1888—1889	*Edward L. Freeman	Holy Sepulchre	8	1924—1925	*Asa C. Jewett	Gethsemane	35

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1925—1926	*Clarence M. Dunbar	Bristol	29	1946—1947	Harold S. Crocker	Bay State	38
1926—1927	*James A. Gunn	Connecticut Valley	23	1947—1948	*George A. Weeks	St. Omer	21
1927—1928	*Norris G. Abbott	St. John's	1	1948—1949	*A. Kenneth Martin	South Shore	31
1928—1929	*Clarence E. Burleigh	DeMolay	7	1949—1950	Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr.	Boston	2
1929—1930	*Charles F. White	Beauseant	41	1950—1951	*J. Herbert Hinds	Quincy	47
1930—1931	*Frederick H. Briggs	Boston	2	1951—1952	Charles F. Fairbanks 2nd	Pilgrim	9
1931—1932	*Benjamin F. Downing	Washington	4	1952—1953	*Frederic Kennedy	Natick	33
1932—1933	*George L. Dodd	Joseph Warren	26	1953—1954	*Harrie M. Taft	Calvary	13
1933—1934	*William S. Hamilton	St. Paul	40	1954—1955	Kenneth H. Earle	St. John's	1
1934—1935	*Arthur S. Vaughn	St. John's	1	1955—1956	Mortimer W. Schroeder	Beauseant	41
1935—1936	Harold W. Sprague	Bay State	38	1956—1957	Thomas A. Booth	Sutton	16
1936—1937	*Charles T. Converse	Springfield	6	1957—1958	Dwight C. Page	Worcester County	5
1937—1937	*George T. Everett	DeMolay	7	1958—1959	Alfred C. Blake	Boston	2
1937—1938	*Adelbert E. Place	Calvary	13	1959—1960	*Elliott N. Holley	DeMolay	7
1938—1939	*Harrison Hyslop	Gethsemane	35	1960—1961	*Clarence E. Booth	Jerusalem	19
1939—1940	*Arthur A. A. Stewart	Pilgrim	9	1961—1962	Raymond D. Douglass	St. Bernard	12
1940—1941	*John E. Rines	Haverhill	14	1962—1963	*William F. West	Calvary	13
1941—1942	*Arlan M. Spencer	Orange	45	1963—1964	Louis A. Beaudoin	Gethsemane	35
1942—1943	*William O. Tuckerman	Cyprus	39	1964—1965	Russell R. Long	Olivet	36
1943—1944	George B. Sampson	St. Andrew	49	1965—1966	C. Burton Long	Reading	50
1944—1945	*G. Lester Marston	Coeur de Lion	34	1966—1967	George C. Patton, Jr.	Hugh de Payens	20
1945—1946	*Frank H. Wilson	Hugh de Payens	20	1967—1968	Gordon C. Player	Newburyport	3

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THE AMERICAN ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

Grand Masters of the Grand Encampment

	Names	Years	Residence	Died
1	DeWitt Clinton	1816-1828	New York, N. Y.	Feb. 11, 1828
2	Jonathan Nye	1829-1834	Claremont, N. H.	April 1, 1843
3	James Madison Allen	1835-1844	Cayuga, N. Y.	
4	Archibald Bull	1844-1846	Troy, N. Y.	Dec. 22, 1865
5	William B. Hubbard	1847-1858	Columbus, Ohio	Jan. 5, 1866
6	Benjamin B. French	1859-1864	Washington, D. C.	Aug. 12, 1870
7	Henry L. Palmer	1865-1867	Milwaukee, Wis.	May 7, 1909
8	William Sewall Gardner	1868-1870	Newton, Mass.	Oct. 14, 1887
9	John Q. A. Fellows	1871-1873	New Orleans, La.	Nov. 28, 1897
10	James H. Hopkins	1874-1876	Pittsburgh, Pa.	June 18, 1904
11	Vincent L. Hurlbut	1877-1879	Chicago, Ill.	July 24, 1896
12	Benjamin Dean	1880-1882	Boston, Mass.	April 9, 1897
13	Robert E. Withers	1883-1885	Wytheville, Va.	Sept. 21, 1907
14	Charles Roome	1886-1889	New York	June 28, 1890
15	John P. S. Gobin	1889-1892	Lebanon, Pa.	May 1, 1910
16	Hugh McCurdy	1892-1895	Corunna, Mich.	July 16, 1908
17	Warren LeRue Thomas	1895-1898	Maysville, Ky.	Nov. 23, 1914
18	Reuben Hedly Lloyd	1898-1901	San Francisco, Cal.	Mar. 10, 1909
19	Henry Bates Stoddard	1901-1904	Bryan, Texas	May 29, 1925
20	Geo. Mayhew Moulton	1904-1907	Chicago, Illinois	July 24, 1927
21	Henry Warren Rugg	1907-1910	Providence, R. I.	July 21, 1910
22	Wm. Bromwell Melish	1910-1913	Cincinnati, Ohio	Oct. 21, 1927
23	Arthur MacArthur	1913-1914	Troy, New York	Dec. 27, 1914
24	Lee S. Smith	1914-1919	Pittsburgh, Pa.	April 6, 1926
25	Joseph K. Orr	1919-1922	Atlanta, Georgia	Sept. 18, 1938
26	Leonidas P. Newby	1922-1925	Knightstown, Ind.	Oct. 25, 1945
27	George W. Vallery	1925-1928	Denver, Colo.	Dec. 20, 1933
28	William L. Sharp	1928-1931	Chicago, Ill.	Dec. 22, 1950
29	Percy W. Weidner	1931-1932	Los Angeles, Cal.	Aug. 16, 1932
30	Harry C. Walker	1932-1932	Binghamton, N. Y.	Nov. 2, 1932
31	Andrew D. Agnew	1932-1937	Milwaukee, Wis.	Dec. 29, 1951
32	Mark Norris	1937-1940	Grand Rapids, Mich.	May 31, 1943
33	Harry G. Pollard	1940-1943	Lowell, Mass.	June 29, 1968
34	Charles Noah Orr	1943-1946	St. Paul, Minn.	Jan. 10, 1949
35	John Temple Rice	1946-1949	El Paso, Texas	
36	Robert Brainerd Gaylord	1949-1952	San Francisco, Cal.	Aug. 4, 1953
37	William Catron Gordon	1952-1955	Marshall, Mo.	Jan. 10, 1959
38	Walter A. DeLamater	1955-1958	Rhinebeck, New York	
39	Louis Henry Wieber	1958-1961	Cleveland, Ohio	May 30, 1964
40	Paul Miller Moore	1961-1964	Aliquippa, Pa.	April 28, 1966
41	Wilber Marion Brucker	1964-1967	Detroit, Michigan	Oct. 28, 1968
42	John Lawton Crofts, Sr.	1967-1970	Nokomis, Florida	

THE ANCIENT ORDER OF THE TEMPLE

The 9 Knights who organized the Order in 1118 A.D.

Hugh de Payens
Godfrey de Saint Aldemar
Roral
Gundemar
Godfrey Bisol
Payens de Montidier
Archibald de Saint Aman
Andre de Montbar
Count of Provence

Grand Masters from Its Origin to the Death of DeMolay

		A.D.
1	Hugh de Payens	1118
2	Robert of Burgundy	1139
3	Everard de Barri	1147
4	Bernard de Trenellape	1151
5	Bertrand de Blanchefort	1154
6	Andrew de Montbar	1165
7	Philip of Napius	1169
8	Odo de St. Amand	1171
9	Arnold de Troye	1180
10	John Terricus	1185
11	Gerard Ridefort	1187
12	Robert Sablaeus	1191
13	Robert Gralius	1196
14	Philip de Plessis	1201
15	William de Carnota	1217
16	Peter de Montagu	1218
17	Armand de Petragrossa	1229
18	Herman de Petragrorius	1237
19	William de Rupefort	1244
20	William de Sonnac	1247
21	Reginald Vichierius	1250
22	Thomas Beraud	1257
23	William de Beaujeau	1274
24	Rheobald Gaudinius	1291
25	Jacques de Molay	1298

DeMolay died in 1314.

CHRONOLOGY—YORK RITE

The following dates are adopted by the various bodies of Masonry. Dates are carried out for the year 1968.

Ancient Craft Masons date from the creation of the world, B. C. 4000, calling it *Anno Lucis* (Year of Light). Hence add 4000 to common time, A. D. 1968 = A. L. 5968.

Royal Arch Masons date from the beginning of the building of the Second Temple by Zerubbabel, B. C. 530, calling it *Anno Inventionis* (Year of Discovery). Hence add 530 to common time. A. D. 1968 = A. I. 2498.

Royal and Select Masters refer to the completion of the First Temple, B. C. 1000, calling it *Anno Depositionis* (Year of the Deposit). Hence add 1000 to common time. A. D. 1968 = A. Dep. 2468.

Knights Templar date from the founding of the Order, A. D. 1118, calling it *Anno Ordinis*. Hence subtract 1118 from common time. A. D. 1968 = A. O. 850.

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